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Cabinet split as Baker exits

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A serious split emerged at the highest levels of Israel's government as the cabinet engaged in a rancorous post-mortem over the failed visit of U.S. Secretary State James Baker.

Evidence of the gap had appeared last Friday, when the government did not speak to Baker with a single voice. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy apparently presented opposing views on key issues to the secretary of state and continued to argue them at the cabinet session Sunday.

Baker flew home Friday upon receiving word that his 96-year-old mother had died in Houston. The abruptness of his departure was therefore understandable.

But the toughly worded parting statement he had read to reporters by State Department spokeswomen Margaret Tutwiler made clear he held Israel responsible for his inability, after three extended tours of the region since mid-March, to nail down a process that might yield peace.

"Questions remain here in Israel," Baker's statement said. "We still need some answers from the Israeli government relating primarily to the modalities before we can move the process forward."

Baker made no reference to "answers" from Arab leaders during the lengthy talks with them that took up most of his tour.

By all accounts, the talks with the Arabs were even less forthcoming than the Israelis. But he managed to leave his Arab hosts on an upbeat note, jarringly absent when he left Israel on Friday.

Shamir said in a Sunday morning radio interview that he believed Baker's effort would continue in the future. In any event, the prime minister had "more serious things to worry over" than the peace process. "The absorption of immigrants preoccupies me more," he said.

Nevertheless, it was the peace process that dominated the cabinet debate Sunday.

The stumbling block was the nature of the regional conference supposed to usher in parallel peace talks Israel would hold with its Arab neighbors and the Palestinians.

Levy's ideas were closer to the scenario favored by the United States. But whatever Levy offered by way of concessions to the secretary was withdrawn by Shamir, the cabinet learned.

"I have had to say no in my life before," Shamir told the cabinet on Sunday. He insisted there was no crisis looming with Washington and hoped the United States would persevere in its efforts.

But reports surrounding Baker's departure and subsequent U.S. media commentary have starkly highlighted the differences between Washington and Jerusalem.

According to one American commentator, Thomas Friedman of the New York Times, U.S. officials left the impression Baker was trying to administer some diplomatic "shock therapy" when he indicated that President George Bush might have to reassess the U.S. approach to Middle East peace.

One major Israeli difference with the Americans was over their insistence that the conference they would host jointly with the Soviet Union should have greater scope and longevity than the brief ceremonial occasion envisioned by Israel.

Baker proposed that instead of adjourning, the conference could reconvene in six months in case of deadlocked talks, though only with the consent of both parties.

That was too much for Tehiya, one of the right-wing parties in Shamir's government that opposes territorial concessions. The idea was also rejected by the prime minister himself.

Shamir's position was supported by the most powerful elements of Likud, including Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu; Likud mainstreamers Moshe Katsav, the transport minister, and David Magen, the minister of economics and planning; and Knesset member Benjamin Begin, son of the former prime minister, who epitomizes to many the younger generation of Likud politicians.

Health Minister Ehud Olmert, deemed a moderate by Likud standards, backed Levy, as did Arye Deri, the interior minister who represents the Orthodox Shas party.

Both sought to minimize the split between Shamir and Levy. Olmert spoke of "differences of nuance" rather than substance and predicted that the peace process would move forward.

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Massive unemployment could spur emigration

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel is on the road to massive unemployment and large-scale emigration, unless there are major government policy changes, the governor of the Bank of Israel has warned.

In a strongly-worded report — A Plan to Absorb One Million Immigrants — Gov. Michael Bruno analysed Israel's failure to adopt economic policies necessary to absorb the wave of immigrants, and he outlined steps that must be taken immediately.

The report forecasts that, at best, unemployment will reach 12-14 per cent in the next few years.

But if the government fails to attract investors to the country, or is unable to raise enough capital in world markets, unemployment figures will hit 16-18 per cent. This will drive tremendous numbers of new immigrants and young people to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

Central bank economists predict that 150,000-200,000 Soviet immigrants alone could leave in the next few years — 15-20 per cent of those that come here.

The report touches only briefly on housing, but Bank of Israel economists predict a shortage of 90,000 units by 1992. This would gradually be alleviated by 1995.

In a radio interview, Bruno said the cabinet, the Knesset, and the Histadrut trades union body, could be blamed for the failure to adopt necessary policies which were included in Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's September 1990 plan.

He also attacked the government's propensity for policy "zig-zags" — instead of setting a stable, long-term economic course to promote investor confidence. Bruno was especially harsh in criticizing Moda'i's latest proposal to

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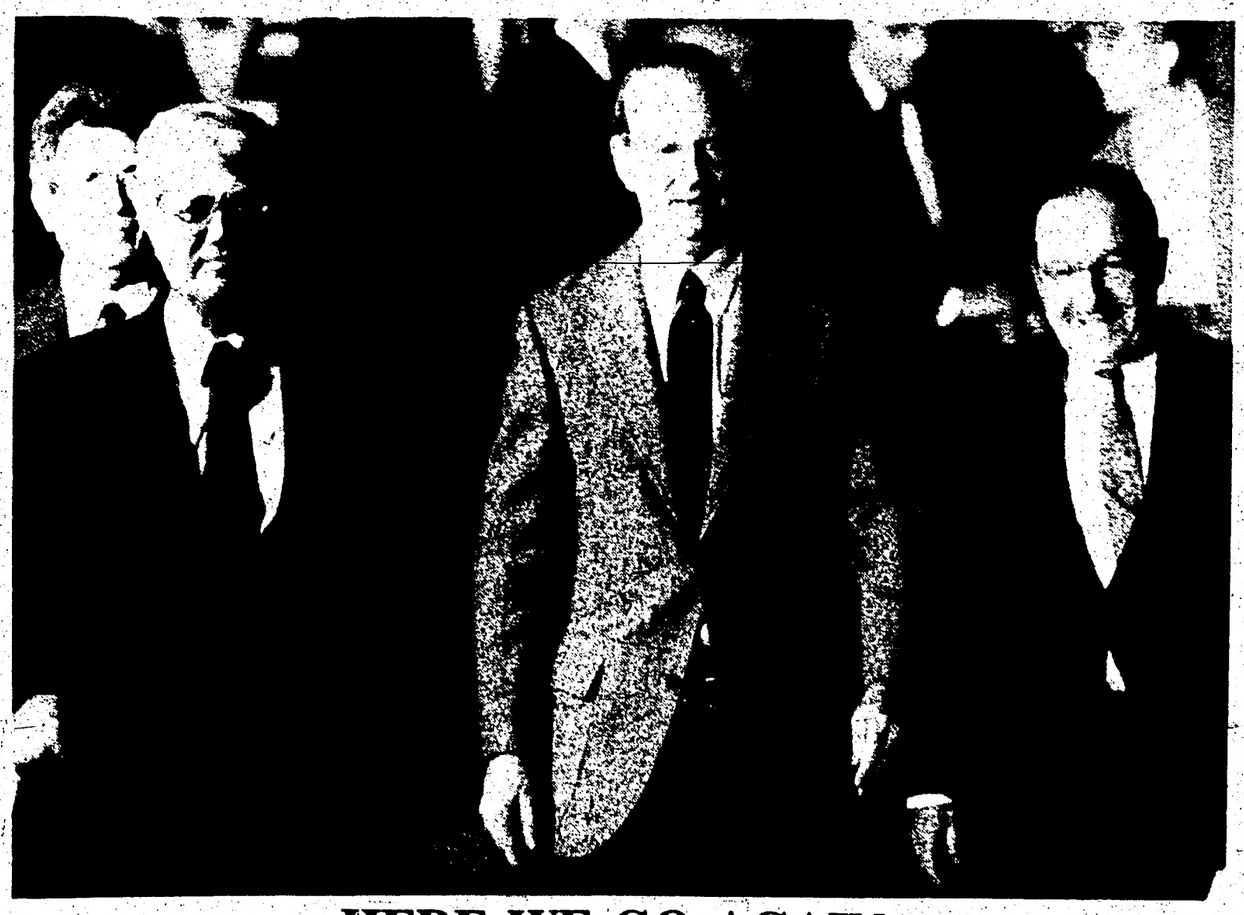

HERE WE GO AGAIN

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker on his arrival in Israel for another series of talks. At left is Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy. [IPPA photo]

Developers, residents clash over housing

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The lines were drawn at a recent community meeting at the Garnet Williams Community Centre in Thornhill.

At issue was a proposed assisted housing project, by Ohr Somayach, for Clark Avenue, just east of Bathurst Street.

Their intention, say the developers, is to provide mixed use rental accommodation, 30 per cent at market rate, 30 per cent at a small subsidy, and 40 per cent for those who require extensive economic assistance.

Those opposed to the project say they object to the imposition of high-density housing in a low-density residential area, the increase of traffic into an area which is already congested, serious school overcrowding, and potential lowering of property values.

Protesters also object to what they consider the secretive way in which Ohr Somayach has gone about getting approval from Vaughan Council.

The meeting, attended by several hundred residents of the area, appeared to only entrench everyone in their own opinion.

Speaking for the developer, Ohr Somayach, Lou Greenbaum gave a brief description of the project.

He explained that the 1.8 hectares of land would contain a new Bais Yaakov High School and the apartment building, which he explained had been scaled down due to consultations with the town and the neighbors from 250 suites on 14 floors, a day care facility and medical offices to 187 (later 183) suites on 10 floors, with the medical offices being abandoned.

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Negev Dinners to help provide housing in Israel

By
MOURA WOLPERT

Negev Tribute Dinners planned for three of Ontario's 'major small communities' during a 10-day period in June are all part of the same massive Jewish National Fund campaign to aid JNF Israel in its bid to supply and prepare land and infrastructure for close to 40,000 housing units, announces Hamilton-based regional Keren Kayemeth emissary, Yigal Yardeni.

The first Negev dinner will take place in Windsor on June 13; Hamilton is next with a dinner on June 16 and London will hold its dinner on June 23.

The campaign is Operation Promised Land and the housing units are needed primarily for the new olim now streaming into Israel from the Soviet Union, says Yardeni.

The target is an additional $100 million to be raised over a period of three years by Diaspora communities, including Canada.

Work is already under way in several major locations such as Eilat, where some 4,780 units are "in advanced stages of construction," Beersheba, Netivot and Ofakim in the south and Karmiel and Nazareth in the north.

Construction, he explains, is purposely being concentrated "on the periphery of the country and in development towns, where there is a greater need for people, rather than the central area and coastal plain."

The three Ontario Negev Dinners are part of this campaign "but this will not," Yardeni stresses, "reduce other JNF activities. The building of roads, afforestation, reservoirs and educational projects will continue."

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HAMILTON —

For the third time in its 38-year history, Hamilton's Negev Dinner will be in tribute to a couple.

CeCe and Herb Schreiber have been named honorees of this year's Negev Dinner, Sunday, June 16, at Adas Israel Synagogue.

CeCe and Herb Schreiber

Married since 1965, CeCe is a Hamiltonian, Herb a native of Detroit.

A professional engineer, Herb followed the tradition of his paternal grandfather in New York and his maternal grandfather in Russia, both professional roofers, when he established Schreiber Roofing in Ontario in 1955 and in 1961 in Detroit.

Today, the company is one of the largest roofing contractors in North America, doing roofing and consulting work from coast to coast in Canada, the eastern half of the United States, a number of European countries and as far away as Australia and the Philippines.

Initially, the couple commuted between Detroit and Hamilton but in 1973, when the eldest of their three daughters was ready to start school, they chose to settle here.

Both have since become actively involved in both the Jewish and general communities for CeCe it was parents' groups and volunteer work with Temple Anshe Sholom religious school, the Burlington Figure Skating Club and Tiny Tots.

Active in Deborah Sisterhood, she served four years as vice-president and as president in 1987, 1988 and 1989. She is a life member of Hadassah-WIZO, a member of NCJW, Hamilton Women's ORT, Hamilton Bonds Women's Division, as well as vice-chairman UJWF Women's Division and Operation Exodus.

She has been a board member of Temple Anshe Sholom since 1986 and is currently a member of its fund raising committee and the endowment and caring committees.

In addition CeCe is active in numerous arts and cultural organizations, as a hospital volunteer and was the recipient of a Special Recognition Award from the Burlington Cultural Centre in 1988 and of the City of Burlington Arts Person of the Year Award in 1980.

Herb is a director and former chairman of audit committee of the National Bank of Detroit, Canada; founding director and third president of Canadian Roofing Contractors Association.

He has worked on the Red Feather campaign and served on the boards of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton-Wentworth Creative Arts, the Burlington Mozart Chamber Orchestra, the Art Gallery of Hamilton and is currently vice-president of finance, Hamilton Philharmomic Orchestra.

He is also involved in numerous technical and professional associations, has served on the local advisory council to Employment and Immigration Canada and has lectured extensively here and abroad.

In the Jewish community, Herb has served on the boards of the JCC, Temple Anshe Sholom and Friends of the University of Haifa, and worked on UJWF and Israel Bonds campaigns.

For his work on behalf of State of Israel Bonds, Herb received the Entebbe Medal from former chief of defence, Col. Dan Shomron.

The couple's daughters are Patrice, a graduate in molecular biology from the Florida Institute of Technology, now engaged in genetic engineering research in Maryland; Karen, recently graduated from the University of Michigan, and Marnie, a second year student at McMaster University.

Coming specially from Haifa to attend the dinner will be close friends Rabbi Eugene Weiner, former rabbi of Beth Jacob Synagogue, and his wife, Anita.

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C. Herbert Pasikov

WINDSOR —

C. Herbert Pasikov has been named honoree of the Windsor Negev Tribute Dinner on Thursday, June 13, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Born in Winnipeg in 1916, the youngest of five sons of Yodashe and Menachem Mendel (Mike Joseph), Pasikov comes from a strong Zionist background. He attended the famed I. L. Peretz Shule and it was his childhood job to collect blue boxes.

As a youngster Pasikov helped out in his parents' grocery store but when his uncle, Harry Gray, settled in Windsor in 1937, Pasikov accepted his invitation to work for him.

Following his marriage to Ann Gordner in 1942, Pasikov joined the army and served with the Intelligence Corps in Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

After his discharge, he returned to his job at Gray's, but in 1947, his father-in-law, Louis Gordner of Gordner Furs, offered him a partnership in his business, where Pasikov remained until 1987.

Active for many years in the Balfour Branch 362 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Pasikov has held every position except that of treasurer and served four times as president.

But his main involvement became the bingo operations which the branch began sponsoring during the 1960s and since then, there's hardly been a single Jewish organization in Windsor that has not benefitted from money raised through bingo.

When the Balfour branch transferred its bingos from the Windsor arena to the JCC, it joined with B'nai Brith Lodge 1011 and all proceeds went to the Windsor Jewish Community Center.

When private bingo halls opened, Ivan Vaselniuk of the Windsor Bingo Palace invited Jewish organizations to join him. Originally, there were only two sponsoring Jewish organizations; now there are 17.

Furthermore, Pasikov was given an office in the Windsor Bingo Palace from which to carry out the necessary duties in representing these organizations' bingos.

Herb and Ann Pasikov are members of Shaarei Zedek congregation.

Their daughter, Maralyn, born while her father was serving overseas, taught briefly at the I. L. Peretz Shule in Windsor and was a director of Camp Yomee. Married to an Israeli, she now lives in Jerusalem with her husband and three children.

Their son, David, and his wife and young son, live in New Hampshire, where David is a family counsellor.

Herb Gray, former leader of the Opposition, is a cousin of the honoree and a member of the tribute committee. He plans to attend the dinner.

The dinner will be chaired by Sharon Mock and others involved include Joe Eisenberg, campaign chairman; Lou Bluestone, foundation chairman, and Bill Tepperman, JNF president. Sharon Kaplan is in charge of local arrangements.

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Sam Katz

LONDON —

A survivor who arrived almost penniless in Canada and became one of the city's most successful developers will be this year's Negev Dinner honoree.

Sam Katz has been named honoree of the London Negev Tribute Dinner on Sunday, June 23. Revived last year after a lapse of 33 years, this year's dinner is expected to attract more guests than can be accommodated at Or Shalom Synagogue and the location has yet to be announced.

A popular and respected businessman and strong supporter of Israel and Jewish causes, Katz recently took a family group of 15 to Israel to personally inspect the work being done by JNF and to meet with world chairman, Moshe Rivlin.

Born in 1917 in Benatina, Czechoslovakia, Katz was the youngest of five children of Solomon Baer Katz, a prosperous businessman.

He grew up in a strictly observant home and with a strong sense of Jewish values and heritage. His family provided religious instruction not only for their own children, but also for those of the seven other Jewish families in the village by bringing in a rabbi to teach and to conduct religious services.

The only survivor, with his sister Frieda, of the entire family, Katz endured over four years of labor camps and finally, Mauthausen concentration camp.

Liberated by American forces in 1945, he returned to Czechoslovakia to try rebuild his life but left for Canada in 1949 when the Communists began expropriating businesses.

Katz found work as a laborer, first with Hurtig Furs in Winnipeg, then in the scrap industry in Hamilton, before joining two others in a house building venture in Welland.

Abandoned by his partners midway through construction, Katz succeeded in completing the project and settling his debts but without making any profit. What mattered more was that his good name remained intact.

Shortly after this he married Gilda Weintraub of London, where the couple subsequently settled and raised their three children, Howard, Harvey and Priscilla.

Here Katz and a young bricklayer named Ewald Bierbaum formed Katz & Bierbaum, a construction company later renamed Esam Construction, remaining partners until 1988, when Bierbaum struck out on his own.

From modest duplexes and low-rise apartment buildings their business gradually expanded to large apartment complexes and finally, the huge Cherryhill residential and commercial complex which includes the Westown Plaza Mall.

Sensitive to the needs of the elderly, Katz established the Cherryhill Activity (Seniors) Club, which now has over 500 members. And with the aid of the former owner of property adjacent to Cherryhill, he also provided garden plots for tenants.

Katz's lifestyle has remained modest but his business success has enabled him to become a generous donor to numerous causes. He is a supporter of Hebrew University, United Jewish Appeal, JNF and both Or Shalom and Beth Tefilah synagogues as well as other organizations.

In London, his charitable activities include the University of Western Ontario and its affiliates, University, Victoria, St. Joseph's and Parkwood hospitals.

His many awards include certificates of appreciation from the city of London for services to the disabled and for the preservation and enrichment of the environment.

In 1984 he received the Urban League of London Developers' Award and in 1990 he was mentioned in the mayor's New Year's Honor List.

Yitz Feldman to be honored at Yom Yerushalayim dinner

TORONTO —

Yom Yerushalayim, May 12, the day Jerusalem was reclaimed by the Jewish people in 1967, has been chosen as the day when the Toronto Jewish community will honor Yitz Feldman, at the Yeshivot Hesder dinner.

Les Scheininger, dinner chairman, said "Yitz personifies both personally and professionally the ideals of Yeshivot Hesder — namely, a commitment to the Jewish people, its Torah and Eretz Yisrael."

"Yitz," as he is called by everyone in the community, is a graduate of Yeshivat M'RIL Graubart and Harbord Collegiate Institute. He then went on to the University of Toronto and received his Law Degree from Osgoode Hall. A member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Canadian Bar Association, he practises law in the firm of Feldman and Weisbrot.

Yitz Feldman

His communal leadership endeavors began in 1961 when he served as a member of the executive of Camp Moshava and as a national vice-president of Mizrachi of Canada. He has served on the board of both Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and Clanton Park Synagogue, where he was president for two years.

Feldman has been on the board of directors of Eitz Chaim schools since 1962 and continues as their co-president. He is a member of the board of Ner Israel Yeshiva and is a founder of Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot School for Girls.

In 1977 Feldman was appointed as chairman of the COR, a post he has held since that time.

His work on behalf of day schools led to his being appointed to the Board

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World of cloak, dagger exposed

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

Next Monday (May 6), Stoddart Publishing of Don Mills will release Ali Hussein Sumaida's *Circle of Fear: A Renegade's Journey from the Mossad to the Iraqi Secret Service*, the putative cloak and dagger revelations of a former double agent of Israel and Iraq who arrived in Canada Oct. 19.

The ghost-written spy memoir of the Baghdad-born refugee claimant comes on the heels of Stoddart's runaway success with ex-Mossad trainee Victor Ostrovsky's *By Way of Deception*.

Among the revelations promised in an outline of the 320-page expose, written together with Carole Jerome, are:

- the Osirak nuclear reactor's active core of enriched uranium, widely thought to have been destroyed in a 1981 attack by the Israel air force, has been hidden.
- an informer is operating inside the Canadian Embassy in Baghdad.
- a "Goon School" teaches people from Saddam Hussein's Tigris Valley home town of Tikrit the niceties of holding a knife and fork, etc., in order for them to operate in his intelligence apparatus.

Ali Hussein Sumaida's father, Ali Mahmoud Sumaida, is a high-ranking member of Iraq's elite.

Sumaida Sr. has been Iraq's ambassador to the Philippines since 1989. For the four years previous to that, he headed his country's mission to the United Nations.

Despite Sumaida Jr.'s privileged status, he grew disaffected with the Ba'ath party bloodbath, says the precis.

"Shortly after" Sumaida applied for political asylum here last fall, he approached Stoddart with his book proposal, explained spokesman Angel Guerra.

The publisher had Victor Ostrovsky interview him.

The ex-Mossad trainee, now living in Ottawa, vouchsafed for the Iraqi's story, saying he knew information familiar only to former Israeli spies.

Documents released April 17 by the Employment and Immigration Commission's adjudication directorate reveal that the 27-year-old Iraqi told an immigration refugee board (IRB) here that from 1983 to 1985 he worked for Israel's espionage arm gathering information and recruiting sympathizers in Britain.

At the time, he was studying computer science at the University of Salford near Manchester.

The Mukhabarat became suspicious when Sumaida approached his father to request a position with the Iraqi Embassy in London, the precis notes. Iraqi intelligence suspected he was in the employ of Iran.

Sumaida testified his mother alerted him that his father had signed an execution order against him after his treasonable activities had become known.

To save his life, the precis says, Sumaida turned himself in to the Iraqi Embassy in Brussels, claiming that he had been framed to make it appear he worked for Israel.

Sumaida was flown to Baghdad for interrogation. The IRB transcript says Saddam Hussein personally interviewed him, but the precis notes only that the Iraqi dictator ultimately reviewed his case.

The two accounts contain various discrepancies.

They both agree that, after being turned into a double agent, Sumaida was sent back to England.

After a convoluted series of events and assignments, he managed to flee from Baghdad to Canada via Yemen and Germany, travelling on an Iraqi diplomatic passport.

His wife, Ban, is in Britain waiting for Sumaida to obtain landed immigrant status in order to sponsor her.

Sumaida testified that since coming to Canada, he has been interviewed three times by the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service. He was advised to avoid mixing with Arabs and Israelis here.

The precis also claims he has spoken on several occasions with CIA agents.

Andre Juneau, Employment and Immigration Canada's director of immigration policy, was present at Sumaida's initial "credible basis" hearing on April 17, ostensibly to audit the proceedings.

At the behest of Sumaida's lawyer, David Share, Immigration adjudicator David Black adjourned the Iraqi's hearing until May 14 to allow himself, IRB appointee Douglas Whitfield and case officer Reg Williams an opportunity to study the Stoddart manuscript.

The book is being tendered in as evidence on a chapter by chapter basis as the galleys are completed, explained Share.

Toronto immigration lawyer Mendel Green said that Sumaida's claim has a "fair probability" as it "fits the definition."

Green emphasized the impartiality of Canada's refugee laws, which were streamlined in January 1989. "The same system that is protecting thousands of Soviet Jewish claimants is protecting this man, however distasteful the case is."

Share said, "He's entitled to be represented. Whether by a Jew or an Iraqi, it doesn't matter."

David Shiller, a lawyer for the Toronto Sun who succeeded in having the hearing opened to the media, noted, "What I found incredible was that here he (Sumaida) was saying he would be in danger if his story was public, but at the same time he was writing a book about it."

Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah said he was unaware of the entire episode.

"I have no knowledge what this is all about," he commented. "It arouses the imagination," he added with a laugh.

Asked if legal steps were being considered to prevent publication of Sumaida's book, Israeli Embassy press attache David Walzer answered that he thought it unlikely, but that he was awaiting instructions from the foreign ministry in Jerusalem.

A spokesman for the Iraqi Embassy denied any knowledge of Sumaida. When told he was about to release an expose of the Mukhabarat, she replied "That's his problem" and hung up.

The Iraqi mission to the United Nations tried unsuccessfully to suppress an investigation into Sumaida last fall by Toronto Sun reporter Tom Godfrey.

Foreign Minister Levy set to visit Toronto for community rally

TORONTO —

Israeli Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy will pay an unofficial one-day visit here on Wednesday, May 8, it was announced last week at an executive meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region.

No meetings are scheduled with External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall or other Canadian government officials, said Israeli Embassy press attache David Walzer.

Levy, who last visited Canada in 1989 while serving as minister of housing, had originally accepted CJC's invitation to attend the organization's national council meeting on Dec. 2 in Toronto.

That trip was postponed when Joe Clark — then Canada's minister of external affairs — met with his Israeli counterpart during a 12-hour visit to Israel on Nov. 26.

Levy's visit was rescheduled for Jan. 27 but postponed again due to the outbreak of the Gulf War.

Born in Morocco in 1937, Levy moved to Israel in 1957, at first living in a *ma'abara* (immigrant transit camp) and later settling in the Jordan Valley development town of Beth She'an where he became a construction laborer.

His political career began in 1964 when he became a construction workers' union representative.

Today the most senior Sephardi in the Likud government, Levy is a possible successor to Herut party leader and PM Yitzhak Shamir.

Levy will address a community rally on the peace process at Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. His remarks, to be delivered in Hebrew, will be simultaneously translated into English.

The free event is being sponsored by CJC in cooperation with B'nai Brith Canada, the Canada-Israel Committee, the Canadian Sephardic Federation, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish Students Network, the Ontario Sephardic Association, Toronto Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Appeal.

— G.K.

The publisher that came in from the cold

Canada's publishing industry shares one trait with the world of espionage — they can both be cutthroat.

When Stoddart Publishing Co. Ltd. releases Ali Hussein Sumaida's *Circle of Fear: A Renegade's Journey from the Mossad to the Iraqi Secret Service* next week, it will be the Don Mills publisher's third volume of cloak and dagger intrigue in recent years.

Two of those books deal primarily or subtantively with Israel.

Last September, the Israeli government unsuccessfully attempted to block publication in the United States and Canada of former Mossad trainee Victor Ostrovsky's allegedly tell-all autobiography.

With the cachet of credibility bestowed by those efforts, *By Way of Deception* became the biggest grossing of Stoddart's 120 new titles in 1990, selling 48,000 copies.

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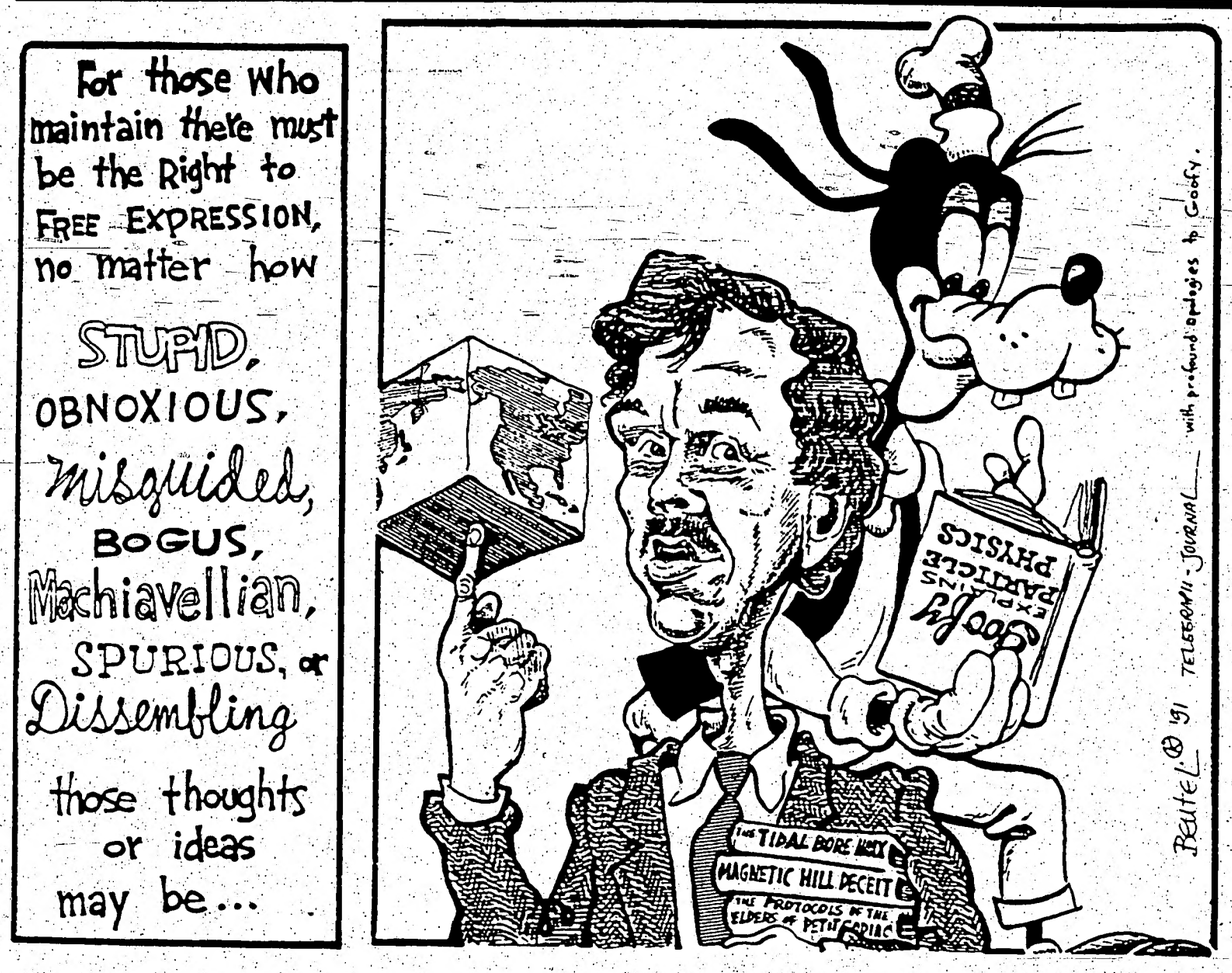
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Secret letters revealed in Ross case

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Acerbic exchanges between an expert witness and the lawyer for Malcolm Ross as well as the introduction of documents that had previously been kept secret marked the resumption of a human rights inquiry into the Ross case in Moncton last week.

Dr. Ernest Hodgson, professor emeritus at the University of Alberta, testified that two letters written to Ross in 1988 and 1989 back his contention that a teacher functions as an important role model and that the school board's reputation can be impaired by activities of a teacher outside the classroom.

Hodgson was referring to letters written to Ross by District 15 superintendant Ross MacCallum and assistant superintendant Cheryl Reid. Reid's letter of April 26, 1988 officially reprimands Ross, saying Ross' actions "have inhibited the board's ability to manage and direct the educational process."

According to published reports, Reid said "the school board's reputation as educator of the young had been jeopardized by (Ross') publications and the public attention they have generated."

Ross, who teaches in a District 15 school, has published books that question the Holocaust and allege a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity.

Moncton resident David Attis prompted the hearing with a complaint that the school board was fostering a climate of intolerance by continuing to employ Ross.

MacCallum's December 1989 letter, also revealed for the first time last week, asked Ross to "refrain from publicly assailing another religious belief (Judaism) when proclaiming your own faith."

In the view of the board, the climate thus created could lead to hostility and interfere with tolerance in the school system.

Hodgson said another letter, sent to the school board on March 11, 1988 by education department lawyer Clyde Spinney, said the board should consider firing Ross.

By not taking action against Ross, the implication is left that the board is condoning his views, Spinney said in the recently-released letter.

Turning to the school board's 1987 review of Ross' activities — which concluded Ross was not bringing his views into the classroom — Hodgson said the review was inadequate. Not only was it prepared by board employees who were in a position of a conflict of interest, but their investigation was too perfunctory to be reliable, he said.

Hodgson's testimony came under withering attack from Doug Christie, Ross' lawyer. Tensions were high when at one point, Hodgson shouted at Christie that he would not be "bullied" by him and he demanded an apology.

On another occasion, Hodgson shouted at Christie not to "start making sarcastic remarks to me."

Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations for Congress, said the atmosphere in the hearing is testy and charged but that Hodgson has stood up well and given as good as he's got."

Prutschi, who was in Moncton monitoring the case, said lawyer Joel Richler will present closing arguments on behalf of Congress.

Decision to retry Keegstra welcomed by Jewish groups

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish groups have welcomed the decision by Alberta's attorney-general to launch a retrial of former Eckville school teacher Jim Keegstra.

"Hate propaganda is antithetical to the underlying values and principles of a democratic country," said Joe Wilder, national chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations committee. "It must be vigorously pursued wherever and whenever it manifests itself."

"The (anti-hate) law is a justifiable limit on freedom of speech and it is entirely appropriate for a jury to examine Keegstra's guilt or innocence," said Mark Sandler, national chairman of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

The decision to again bring Keegstra to trial comes about one month after the Alberta Court of Appeal had overturned the former teacher's 1985 conviction for promoting hatred against Jews. The Alberta court ruled the trial judge had placed too many restrictions on the types of questions defence lawyer Doug Christie could ask prospective jurors to test their impartiality.

For years prior to his conviction, Keegstra had taught grades 9 and 13 social studies classes that Jews were responsible for wars and revolutions, had lied about the Holocaust and were conspiring against Christianity.

While in 1985 Christie had argued that Keegstra's classroom teachings were protected by the right to free speech, that argument will not be available at the retrial.

Last December, the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the constitutionality of the anti-hate law, ruling its limitations on freedom of speech were justifiable in a free and democratic society.

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the Alberta Court of Appeal to rule on other, technical grounds of appeal. The Appeal Court then overturned Keegstra's conviction, saying a new trial would be in order.

— P.L.

Former Jewish internees to meet in Montreal

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The release almost 50 years ago of 2,000 German or Austrian Jews imprisoned in internment camps in Canada during the Second World War, may have begun with youthful flirtation.

Three young men, better known around the Sherbrooke camp — considered by many as the worst of the seven in Quebec — as The Three Muskateers, can take credit for helping to expose to the world the Canadian government's delay in processing the papers of these refugees, who had been arrested in Britain. This neglect led to their staying up to 2½ years in the camps after arriving in July, 1940.

Without the risks taken by the three young internees, these Jews might have been imprisoned for the duration of the war.

The three were: Gerhardt "Gerry" Arnold, scion of a prominent German Jewish banking family; Fred Kuetter, a non-Jew born in Germany but raised in Britain (he was arrested because his British adoptive father had never made legal his taking in of his German bride's son); and Ernest "Peter" Guter, a Zionist youth leader in pre-war Germany, now 73, a Dorval resident.

Their plot, masterminded by Guter, was audacious: they smuggled letters telling of the refugees' fate in Canada, through a gullible guard, his daughter and their friends, to influential persons in Britain.

One letter reached the British House of Commons and from there it was, as Guter puts it, like cutting one stitch and the whole sweater unravelling. Within two months an investigation was launched and the internees were released. In the meantime, Guter and the other two served 28 days in solitary confinement for their activities but, in respect, it was a small price to pay.

Guter, who grew up in Berlin, was to have led a Zionist youth group to Palestine in 1937, but missed out because of a car accident. In 1939, he decided to use a visa to England to work as a gardener for banker Lionel de Rothschild, leaving behind parents who would perish in the Holocaust.

Soon after, while a student at the London School of Economics, Guter and some 2,000 other male German citizens were rounded up and interned in Kempton Park, a horserace track, following the battle of Dunkirk. A couple of weeks later, they were sent to the Isle of Man.

Two months later, the internees were given the choice of going to either Canada or Australia.

Those headed for Canada arrived in Liverpool by steamer at night and slept in a railway shed near the harbor.

"In the morning we were marched out, under guards with rifles and bayonets, to the harbor where two boats awaited — the SS Arandora Star and the SS Etrick. I was going up the gangplank of the Star when I suddenly remembered I had forgotten some books in the shed. That saved my life."

Guter sailed on the Etrick; the Star was torpedoed as it crossed the Irish Sea, killing the at least 400 aboard.

Among those with Guter on the Ettrick were Fred Kaufman, now a Quebec Appeal Court justice; Helmut Blume, once dean of music at McGill; Canadian Zionist Federation president Kurt Rothschild; Gregory Baum, who became a Catholic theologian; and CBC producer Eric Koch.

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Minister backs regional talks towards peace

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Any lasting peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors must come from the region itself, not be imposed by outside powers. These were the words of Barbara McDougall, Canada's new Minister of External Affairs, just hours before being sworn in to her new portfolio at the Governor-General's residence in Ottawa.

She was speaking to an audience of 300 at the annual Spring breakfast of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

McDougall said she whole-heartedly backed the position of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on the Middle East as he outlined it on March 7.

"He says that a dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians is necessary, and that Palestinians have the right to choose their own representatives at the negotiations, but that our enthusiasm for the present PLO leadership is zero," she said.

McDougall received a standing ovation at the start and conclusion of her speech.

McDougall said she knew that the first choice of world Jewry is that Soviet Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union should go to Israel. "But we are facilitating with agencies in your community the entrance to Canada of those Soviet Jews who want to come here," she said.

In all the highs and lows of her entire career, very few occasions could compare with the intensity of emotion she felt when she came to Beth Tzedec on Jan. 20 to express Canada's support for Israel in the Gulf War, McDougall said. "Our hearts pounded" when Saddam Hussein aimed his Scud missiles at the Israel civilian population as well as at the UN forces.

In the aftermath of the war, Canada is sending millions of dollars in aid to Kurdish refugees, she said. "Comparatively, our aid is one of the most generous of any country in the world."

Canada is sending "several hundred" troops back to Iraq to serve in a UN peace-keeping force, and Canadians have been assigned the diffcult task of finding unexploded mines.

McDougall said she hoped the restraint shown by Israel in the face of the unprovoked Scud missile attacks, which won her worldwide respect, will continue to merit the friendship of the world for the people of Israel.

As Minister of Employment and Immigration (still her portfolio at the time of her speech) the central issue for her has been that from 80 million to 100 million people in the world are in transit from one country to another, and only 15 million qualify as refugees under UN definitions. She described Canada's new policy on admission of 250,000 immigrants a year between 1992 and 1995 as "generous." But she came down hard on queue jumpers.

"I have no patience with people whose first act when they come into this country is to flout our laws and abuse our generosity," she said, to applause.

She said Canada would continue to help in the exodus of Jews from Ethiopia and Syria.

A question and answer session was cancelled so that McDougall could return to Ottawa.

In his introduction, Larry Rachlin, first vice-president of the council, said: "Barbara, when you ran for office you made the Jewish community a promise. You have kept it. You have been with us in difficult times and good times, but the most important thing is that you have been with us."

In response to her remarks, Michael Cole of Holy Blossom Temple, a council officer, said: "Although it is only a rumor that you will be the new Minister of External Affairs, many of us would not be unhappy if it is true. We are impressed with your sensitivity to Israel and by your knowledge of our love of Israel."

He presented her with a plaque signifying the planting of trees in her honor in the Canada Forest in Israel.

Ben Goldmintz, president of the council, which is composed of members of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox brotherhoods, noted that it has been promoting good relations among the three denominations for 35 years.

Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg and Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec also took part in the program.

Rabbi Schafler dies

TORONTO —

Rabbi Dr. Samuel Schafler, president of the Hebrew College of New England, who was married to Sara Edell of Toronto, died recently in Brookline, Mass. of cancer at the age of 62.

In 1987, he became the sixth president of the Hebrew College, a 70-year-old liberal arts institution that specializes in Judaic studies.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Daniel of Brookline, Benjamin, of Manhattan, Seth of Larchmount, N.Y., and Eliel of Jerusalem, two daughters, Rena Hyman of Chicago and Gila Brand of Jerusalem, and eight grandchildren.

New external affairs minister

McDougall's appointment welcomed

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Organizations representing Canadian Jewry seem delighted at the appointment of Barbara McDougall to external affairs minister.

McDougall, 54, replaced Joe Clark in the high-profile position in Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's recent cabinet shuffle.

Clark, long a controversial figure for his public disagreements with his boss on Middle East issues, has become the Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs.

Only moments after the cabinet shake-up, B'nai Brith Canada president Marilyn Wainberg and executive vice-president Frank Dimant sent a telegram to McDougall, offering their congratulations.

"We've had longstanding and good relations with Barbara McDougall and we look forward to working with her," Canadian Jewish Congress president Les Scheininger told The CJN last week.

"She's a strong supporter of Israel and, I think, more reflective of the prime minister's own position on Israel. Mr. Clark was a proponent of friendship [with Israel] but we had difficulties with some of his positions."

Canadian Jews remember Clark's unfulfilled 1979 election pledge to move Canada's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, when he formed a short-lived Conservative government.

Barbara McDougall

At the Canada-Israel Committee's annual parliamentary dinner in 1988, he shocked many by stating Israel was guilty of widespread human rights abuses in dealing with the intifada.

That came at about the same time Mulroney said Israel was acting with restraint, adding that the prime minister, not the foreign minister, speaks for Canada.

Most recently, following the Gulf War, Clark called for the PLO's participation in Arab-Israeli talks, just as Mulroney termed the organization "substantially, if not completely, discredited" and said Ottawa's support for Yasser Arafat was "zero."

Clark was also a proponent of a "land-for-peace" deal to resolve the Arab-Israel dispute.

Rob Ritter, the CIC's national executive director, said McDougall seems to have a good grip of the issues.

But, he cautioned, "it's important not to lose sight of the fact that Canadian foreign policy is established through the cabinet, and not by one individual."

McDougall, who represents the midtown Toronto riding of St. Paul's, has long enjoyed a high visibility on the Jewish scene. She has appeared at numerous rallies for Soviet Jewry and has spoken at many synagogues.

At the last CIC parliamentary dinner in March, McDougall, then still the employment and immigration minister, said Canada "has been and will continue to be, an inalienable friend to Israel, adding that "Israel has shown its willingness time and again to make peace."

When empowered with the immigration post, McDougall displayed a well-known sensitivity to the plight of Soviet Jews and all refugees.

McDougall remains personally popular in a widely disliked government.

Many observers feel Clark was ideologically to the left of Mulroney on the Middle East and that McDougall will be less likely to depart, at least publicly, from the prime minister's view.

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Canada

War criminal living in Syria

Action sought against Brunner

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Jewish organizations in Canada and the United States are calling on their governments to intercede with Syria to urge the expulsion of Alois Brunner, the world's most wanted war criminal.

In a letter to External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall, Sol Littman of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre asks that the minister use her "good offices and the good will Canada has earned in the Middle East to demand that Syrian President Hafez Assad expel Brunner, who lives openly in Damascus under the name of Georg Fischer."

In the United States, Congressman Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.) recently introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives calling on President George Bush to personally intervene with Assad to force Brunner's extradition.

Twenty-two U.S. Congressmen signed the resolution as co-sponsors, said Shelly Shapiro, executive director of Holocaust Survivors & Friends. Paris-based Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld, honorary chairman of the Survivors group, has been in the forefront of a campaign to publicize Syria's protection of Brunner. Klarsfeld was expelled from Syria in 1987 for publicly calling for Brunner's extradition, as was her husband, Serge, in 1982 and 1990.

With Syria improving its relationship with the United States in the wake of the Gulf War, now may be the time when the United States has the most leverage to urge that Syria expel Brunner, Shapiro said.

"President Assad can demonstrate that he indeed wants to turn over a new leaf in Syria's relatonship with the United States by permitting the extradition to Germany of Alois Brunner," McNulty said at a Washington news conference.

Brunner has been described as Adolf Eichmann's right-hand man who was personally responsible for the deaths of more than 120,000 Jews from Austria, Germany, France, Slovakia and Greece.

A captain in the SS, Brunner is known to have flogged his victims with a horsewhip and terrorized Jews by placing a pistol to their heads.

As head of the anti-Jewish service of the Gestapo secret police, he deported 45,000 Jews from Vienna between 1939-41.

In 1943, he participated in the deportation of 44,000 Jews from Salonika and as commander of the Drancy concentration camp, he sent 24,000 French Jews to their deaths in Auschwitz, including more than 200 orphans.

According to information provided by Littman, Brunner escaped justice by fleeing first to Egypt and then to Syria. In 1954, he was sentenced to death in absentia by courts in Paris and Marseilles for crimes against humanity.

Since 1955, he has lived in Damascus under the protection of the Syrian government, which provides bodyguards for his safety.

Despite denials by the Syrian regime, Brunner is known to reside in an apartment at 7 Rue Haddad.

In his letter to McDougall, Littman notes that "Brunner is a proud, open, unrepentant Nazi to this day. In an interview given in Damascus, he said the following of his victims:

" 'All of them deserved to die because they were the devil's agents in human garbage. I have no regrets and would do it again.' "

Over the years, there have been reports linking Brunner to the Syrian secret police and the Syrian government has stonewalled international effors to bring him to justice.

Romanian agreement sought

TORONTO —
B'nai Brith Canada has asked the Romanian government to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with Canada that would allow war crimes investigators to gather evidence in that East European nation.

The memorandum would parallel similar agreements Canada negotiated in recent years with eight other governments, including those of the Soviet Union, Hungary, Holland, Germany and Israel, said Ian Kagedan, BB's director of government relations.

Kagedan, along with senior B'nai Brith counsel David Matas, met Gheorge Brad, Romania's chief of mission, to convey the Jewish group's desire that Romania co-operate in bringing war criminals to justice.

Kagedan told The CJN he believes a number of Romanian war criminals reside in Canada, but no action is being taken on their dossiers because of the inaccessibility of Romanian-based evidence.

Some of the most horrifying cases of wartime brutality against Jews emanated from Romania, he said.

While a memorandum would permit Canadian investigators to gather evidence in Romania and prepare cases for prosecution, such co-operation would also enhance Romania's relations with Canada and be consistent with the country's current policy of taking action against members of the former Ceaucescu regime who are suspected of crimes against humanity, Kagedan said.

It would also conform with Romanian law that opposes resurgent fascism and right-wing extremism, he added.

Kagedan said BB is concerned with the "pitiful handful of war crimes cases" brought to trial so far and believes an agreement with Romania could allow for further prosecutions.

Sinee Justice Jules Deschenes recommended in 1986 legal action to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, only four cases have gone to court.

In Vancouver, Jacob Luitjens faces loss of citizenship over allegations he collaborated with the Nazis.

In Toronto, former Hungarian gendarme captain Imre Finta was acquitted of war crimes charges of kidnapping, forcible confinement, robbery and manslaughter, while the case against Stephen Reistetter, a high-ranking Slovak official, was dropped recently.

The case against Michael Pawlawski, charged with multiple counts of murder, awaits a legal ruling on an application to travel to the Soviet Union to collect evidence.

— P.L.

Mills put on probation

Convicted gravedigger gets fine

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
A gravedigger who damaged coffins at a Jewish cemetery was fined $2,500 and placed on two years probation last month.

Ronald Mills, 53, was sentenced on March 28 after a three-day trial in January. He was convicted of "offering indignities to the human body," a rarely used statute of the Criminal Code, for damaging an unspecified number of coffins while employed at Rosh Pina Memorial Park Cemetery between May 1, 1986 and Feb.14,1990.

Manitoba Court Judge Michel Monnin also ordered Mill, who gave a tearful apology in court, to perform 150 hours of community work.

His lawyer, Pat Smith, described Mills as "A decent enough sort, a man with an alcohol problem that affected his attitude to work."

Smith said Mills still feels wrongly convicted. "He never intended to do anything wrong," she says. "I personally found no suggestion in him of anti-Semitism. I work for a Jewish law firm [Smith Pearlman]. I wouldn't have acted for him if I thought there was anti-Semitism involved. I haven't talked to anyone at the synagogue, but he seems to have been well enough liked."

Smith says she is satisfied Mills received a fair sentence. "The judge put it into perspective. The judge agreed he is not a monster. The judge expressed sympathy for those whose loved ones' remains were damaged by Mills' actions, he agreed with us that a jail term wasn't justified."

Smith reports there were members of the Jewish community who were unhappy initially about her representing Mills, but that there is more understanding now that his real story is out in the press.

That story was brought out in the Winnipeg Sun some months ago by columnist Peter Warren who interviewed Mills in jail and spoke to other sources. Warren reported that Mills, a Canadian armed forces veteran, ran a volunteer search and rescue operation in Manitoba for a few years until it ran out of money.

Warren says he was looking for evidence of anti-Semitism in his conversations with Mills but failed to find any. "I wonder if the reaction would have been the same if it had been an Anglican or Catholic cemetery involved," Warren said.

On the other hand, he would have given Mills a tougher sentence. "You had a compassionate judge who bought the defence's arguments. Why didn't the judge at least order Mills to receive mandatory alcohol counselling? It's routine in most cases where alcohol is involved."

Judge Monnin was unavailable for comment.

The reaction of Rosh Pina Synagogue president Mel Hornstein to the sentencing was only to refer to his statement in January after Mills was convicted. At the time, he said it was a matter for the courts and the courts had dealt with it, that the congregation had suffered much distress and that hopefully time would "re-establish the peace and comfort sought by those who mourn the passing of loved ones."

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U.S. education proposal seen as controversial

WASHINGTON (JTA)— The issue of extending federal aid to parochial schools is expected to dominate the debate over President Bush's new education plan, both in the Jewish community and in the country at large.

Specifically, controversy is expected to centre on Bush's proposal for choice in education in which taxpayers' money would be provided for students in whatever school their parents select, including parochial and other private schools.

Most major Jewish organizations have traditionally opposed any use of public funds for parochial schools as a violation of the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state. But Orthodox organizations, which have long sought government support for yeshivas, support Bush's proposals.

"By proposing to provide federal aid to parochial schools, the administration is essentially coercing all citizens to pay for the religious education desired by only a few," said Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

Siegman agreed with Bush, as do many in the Jewish community, that there is a crisis in public education. But he said that "undermining the separation of church and state is not the answer to the crisis."

Agudath Israel of America, however, said Bush's proposal is an advancement of the position it has held since 1961, namely that parents who send their children to religious schools are entitled to public support for the non-sectarian parts of such an education.

"For choice to be meaningful and effective, it should encompass all educational options, including non-public schools, which have a proven track record of excellence," said David Zwiebel, the Orthodox group's general counsel.

Other Orthodox groups are expected to take a similar position.

While the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith are still studying the Bush education plan, both groups have long opposed aid to parochial schools as a violation of church and state.

Jess Hordes, ADL's Washington representative, said his organization ADL has "real concern" about tax dollars going to religious schools.

Echoing this concern, Judith Golub, AJC's legislative director, said her organization told the administration it would approve choice only within the context of public schools.

But Abba Cohen, director of Agudath Israel's Washington office, argued that the Supreme Court "has made it abundantly clear that the First Amendment is not offended when state aid is made available to individuals — in this case parents — who are free to use such assistance at any institution they see fit, even sectarian ones."

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Children on board the helicopter carrier Nassau in Haifa were part of the welcome for U.S. servicemen who stopped over in Israel on their way back to the United States from the Gulf. [IPPA photo]

Neo-Nazis cause alarm

BONN (JTA) — Germany's small Jewish community has sounded an alarm over the escalation of neo-Nazi violence, especially in former East Germany.

Heinz Galinski, chairman of the German Jewish community, has urged Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble to enforce the bans on events such as the celebration of Hitler's birthday, which invariably stir violence, or a vigil in Munich several weeks ago at which the truth of the Holocaust was publicly denied.

About 150 neo-Nazi youths and skinheads were taken into temporary custody in Dresden on April 20 to prevent a clash with anti-fascists after they marched through the city to mark the fuhrer's 102nd anniversary.

About 15 neo-Nazis were arrested in Oberweser, near Kassel in central Germany, after a Hitler party that damaged shops and parked cars.

In Osnabruck, in the norther state of Hanover, neo-Nazi activists attacked a group of Kurds who were on a hunger strike to protest the Iraqi massacre of their people. Some Kurds were badly beaten by the time police arrived and their tent was demolished.

In Magdeburg, in the centre of what was formerly East Germany, dozens of neo-Nazi hooligans clashed with police after throwing cans and assaulting spectators at a local soccer match. Several arrests were reported.

Incidents involving neo-Nazis were also reported in Leipzig, Cottbus and Birkenwerda in eastern Germany.

Galinski demanded that the authorities intervene more forcefully when right-wing extremists display Nazi symbols in violation of the law and spread anti-Semitic propaganda.

In Munich, neo-Nazis claimed no Jews were ever killed at Auschwitz and Treblinka.

How can Germany subject its small surviving Jewish community to such outrageous expressions? Galinski asked.

The Jewish leader had urged the prime minister of Saxony, Kurt Biedenkopf, to ban the Hitler birthday march in Dresden.

Dresden has become the centre of neo-Nazi activity, which spread after the Communist regime was ousted from East Germany in 1989. In recent weeks, visitors from Poland have been attacked in eastern Germany after the country abolished visa requirements for them.

Sociologists have blamed the emergence of right-wing extremism in the former Communist-ruled territory on unemployment, poor living conditions and the collapse of state and parental authority.

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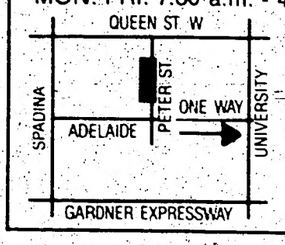

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Poll shows Israeli public puts peace at top of list

TEL AVIV (JPFS) — Although peace has become a higher priority for Israelis since the Gulf War, 90 per cent of the public would favor Israel using a nuclear weapon under certain circumstances, according to a recent public opinion survey conducted by Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies.

At the same time, 75 per cent of the respondents felt very threatened by the possibility of nonconventional weapons in the hands of the Arabs, according to Prof. Asher Arian of Haifa University who conducted the research project at the Jaffee Centre.

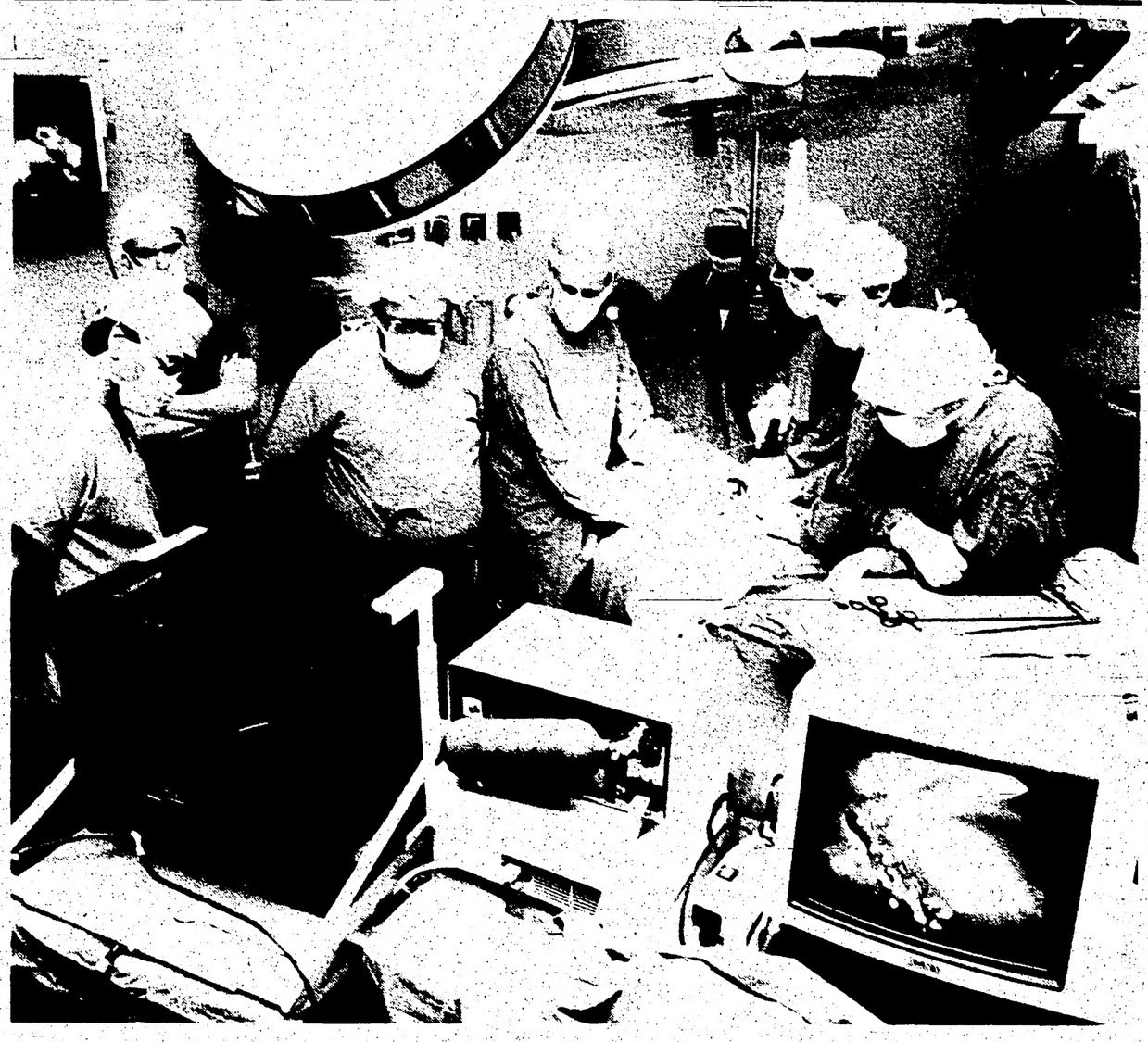
More respondents ranked peace first among four priorities — the other three being a Jewish majority, a democratic state and an Integral Land of Israel — as compared with last year's survey, when a Jewish majority was ranked above peace. This year, only seven per cent ranked an Integral Land of Israel first, compared with 13 per cent last year.

There is a continuing "crawling conciliation" in Israel, Arian said, with gradually more people over time willing to give up territory for peace or to accept a Palestinian state. "The majority still opposes a Palestinian state but a third now favors it, compared to a quarter when we began these studies in 1986."

On the other hand, 49 per cent of the respondents chose the harshest alternative — to destroy the state of Israel and kill Jews — when asked the Arabs' final goal, the highest that figure has ever been. The alternative responses were getting back some territory taken in the Six Day War, getting back all the territories or destroying the State of Israel.

Though the more moderate positions would seem to tilt the voting public in favor of Labor, survey responses show the majority see the Likud as the party which has the best chance of negotiating peace, including the issue of territory for peace.

Public opinion is very complex, he said. For example, 40 per cent favor annexation of the territories and 40 per cent favor transfer, but these groups do not overlap completely. A quarter of those who want to give back territory favor transfer while a third of those who want to annex territory oppose transfer.



STATE OF THE ART

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Rabbis cool off hot pizza lovers

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The religious township of Bnei Brak has banned hot pizza because the fast food could lead to contact between the sexes, the rabbinical authorities say.

Two usually feuding rabbis, Moshe Landau and Nissim Karlitz, concurred on the issue when they jointly signed an order to pizza parlors and kiosks to stop serving hot pizzas.

The problem arose when fast-food shops added hot pizza to their menus, requiring an operating licence from the religious authorities.

Rabbinical aides explained that the rabbis feared boys and girls would have to stand in the same line waiting for their pizza slices to be heated.

"They might look at each other, an offense against modesty, or G-d forbid, even touch each other," the rabbis' aides said.

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Huge unemployment forecast

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cut unemployment by asking firms to absorb 50,000 workers at government expense.

Moda'i has already said he plans to resubmit parts of his September economic plan to the Knesset. But there are few signs that he will have any more success this time around, or that it will get stronger backing from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Amos Rubin, the prime minister's economic advisor, rejected the bank's forecasts. He said it is impossible to know now how many immigrants will come next month, let alone the rates of unemployment and emigration for the next four years.

He was equally scathing of the central bank's recommended measures to boost employment.

"Everyone has his own ideas," Rubin said. "It is not at all clear that the Bank of Israel's pet ideas would prove to be a panacea for the problems we are facing."

Central bank officials laid emphasis on their plan to increase employment. This mainly aims to make labor cheaper for employers. The plan includes:

— A four per cent cut in employers' National Insurance Institute payments.

— Getting Histadrut agreement to suspend collective agreements on special night shift pay for new employees.

— Adding "flexibility" to the labor market, including changes to the minimum wage law.

— Requiring those on unemployment payments to do 30 hours public service each week — such as caring for the elderly, guarding schools, doing environmental work, or even road-building and other tasks to help develop the infrastructure.

Cabinet divided as Baker leaves

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He said that when the prime minister opposed "continuance" of the conference beyond the start of bilateral talks, he really meant a "UN-type continuance" that would turn the process into a full-fledged international conference, which everyone in the government opposes.

Levy maintained that only "a political neophyte" would confuse an international conference and the regional one Baker was proposing, which could reconvene in six months only with Israel's consent.

It could not take up or decide disputed questions between the parties and therefore would not be a decision-making forum, Levy contended.

The long-term domestic political significance of the split was not immediately clear. Some observers felt that Levy, though outgunned in the cabinet, was better attuned to the sentiments of the party's rank and file.

Those observers thought he would be vindicated and might even achieve outright victory were Likud's huge Central Committee convened to debate the issue.

Until now however, calls to convene the grassroots Central Committee have emanated from Ariel Sharon and other hardliners, who have opposed the American peace initiative from the start.

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Front Line

Guilt by Suspicion ignores Communist reality of past

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

"Don't you people have an ounce of decency?" shouts Hollywood director David Merrill (played by Robert de Niro) at the chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities hearings in the climactic scene of *Guilty By Suspicion*. The question is better addressed to those who made the movie.

The movie opens in 1947 when Congress, informed by defecting Soviet agents about espionage networks inside the United States, decided to expose Communist activity through a system of public hearings. The most sensational hearings were held in Hollywood, because of the public nature of the industry and its vulnerability to scandal. After the jailing of the "Hollywood Ten" — one director, one producer, and eight writers who were cited for contempt of Congress for their refusal to acknowledge the authority of the hearings and to answer questions about their political activities (including Communist Party cards that were submitted in evidence), the industry began policing itself through an informal blacklist of suspected Communists.

Blacklisting heated up after Senator Joseph McCarthy came on the scene in the early 1950s, using the new medium of television to promote his anti-Communist crusade. Although McCarthy lost his power by 1954, and "McCarthyism" proved a short-lived political phenomenon, it may have left its deepest scars in Hollywood, where vast sums of money hang upon shifting reputations and public opinion. The Report on Blacklisting by the Fund for the Republic in 1956 showed the extent of the damage that this practice had inflicted on hundreds of actors, writers, even technicians.

Ruth R. Wisse

Guilty By Suspicion is supposedly about one such victim, a successful movie director who is blacklisted and prevented from finding any work in the movie industry because of his presumed affiliation with the Communist Party. In the original script the director had been a Communist, but in the laundered version that reached our screens, he has no political convictions whatsoever. Here we begin to see how the corruption of the film exceeds the corruption it describes:

A movie that purports to deal with the investigations into Communism does not even take this political ideology seriously enough to say a word about its intentions or its reach. It substitutes Joseph McCarthy for Joseph Stalin as the symbol of political evil. The whole question of communism, the extent of its influence on the entertainment industry and on the formation of public attitudes, is erased — erased in just the way that communism erased from history whatever it found embarrassing.

The Hollywood blacklist of the 1950s was a punitive and unjust attempt to clear the industry of political suspicion at the expense of its individual employees. But one of the reasons blacklisting worked was because it used the methods the Communists had introduced. Communist party members in Hollywood during the 1930s and '40s systematically promoted their own people and discriminated against non-sympathisers. Members lied to the soft liberals whom they lured into their front organizations, and furthered their political goals at the expense of personal loyalties. When the tables turned, revenge against leftists by the former victims of their politics played no small part in the application of the blacklist.

Since the avowed purpose of communism was to plot the overthrow of the American system of government and the spread of Soviet influence, disloyalty through manipulation was the hallmark of all its activities. However dishonorable the blacklist may have been in its methods, it was at least a step ahead of the Communists in the honesty of its goals. The least we should expect from any treatment of this subject is a description of how Communists functioned in Hollywood and an assessment of how far they succeeded.

To have been a Communist or a Communist sympathiser in the 1940s is one thing. While ignorance is no more defensible in politics than it is before the law, allowances could be made for political naifs during the Second World War who promoted Russia as an antidote to Germany. But to make such a movie now, when the estimated internal victims of Soviet communism already number between 40 and 60 million, and when new killing fields are still being uncovered — outside Kiev, in the Urals, in the forest near Minsk — is either an act of moral idiocy or a clever attempt to camouflage guilt.

Dalton Trumbo once boasted that he and his fellow Communists kept anti-Stalinist scripts from ever reaching production. Can one imagine how different the world might have looked if Hollywood had began to expose Stalin's crimes when it first learned of them? Now Hollywood Jews want us to weep about an American director who lost his job; they never thought to make a film about Stalin's murder in 1948 of the great director of the Moscow Yiddish Theatre Shloime Mikhoels, or of the execution four years later of all the major Yiddish writers of the Soviet Union.

The suffering of leftists under McCarthyism is supposed to obscure from American audiences the sins of leftists who acted as apologists for Stalinism. Judging from the poor attendance at this movie, the public is not buying it. Hollywood has long since been cleared of suspicion, but no one can clear its bad conscience.

OPINION

Consequences of OPEC bad for consumers, producers

By
ELIE KEDOURIE

The Gulf War is hardly over and a rush has already begun to supply more and better arms to the Middle East.

So long as there is a flood of petrodollars to pay for them, it is vain to think an arms limitation regime or a multilateral agreement to control arms sales can succeed except in the very short run.

What is required is to cut — at the source — arms purchases by governments who are under no domestic restraint on the enormous windfalls that come their way.

The devastation of Kuwait and Iraq shows they have to be saved from themselves, and their hapless subjects from them.

Iraq is a small, generally backward country. As the war showed, its military leadership is inept, its soldiers mediocre; its industrial and technological base is comparatively insignificant. Yet, Iraq was able to build a very large army with vast quantities of modern arms, including weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq's ability to engage in two destructive wars in a decade was due to one thing only, namely the prodigious profits that, in common with other states in OPEC, it extracted from oil consumers after 1973. As a very big producer of oil, Iraq enjoyed steady and increasing revenues.

After the war with Iran broke out in 1980 Iraq benefited from substantial financial help provided by other OPEC states, chiefly Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

In one way or another it was only OPEC that made it possible for Iraq to build a military infrastructure — roads, communications, bunkers — and accumulate its vast arsenal of weapons.

OPEC is an association of sovereign producers.

Businesses, even multinational ones, must obey the laws of the countries in which they operate; their market strategies are ultimately subject to control by governments.

When oil traders are states, it is much more difficult to compel them to refrain from policies that inhibit free trade.

The OPEC coup of 1973 meant that the oil business became politicized, involving a vast range of issues between states, most of which have nothing to do with the oil trade. Sovereign suppliers, apart from extracting an exorbitant price for their oil, obtained political and military advantages.

The consequences of OPEC have been bad for both consumers and producers — arousing cupidities and creating a cycle of violence that has devastated Iraq, Kuwait and substantial parts of Iran.

To transform oil into an ordinary commodity for which producers and consumers are not perpetually in a kind of economic war, and which does not lead to the savage conflicts we have seen, will require a great deal of forethought and resolve.

The interests of oil producers outside OPEC have become intermixed with those of OPEC itself. These producers have come to depend on OPEC to provide a floor for their own more expensive oil.

Now we hear talk of the United States exerting its newly won power and influence in the Middle East to suggest or even preserve a level of prices.

Such government management of a market has failed again and again in the cases of other commodities, and it goes against the free-trade principles enshrined in the General Agreement on Tafiffs and Trade and championed by the United States.

As the interests of producers and consumers pull in different directions, and governments serving various domestic interests are pulled hither and thither, this or that energy policy is promoted but, to judge from experience, ultimately to no purpose.

The OPEC nettle has to be grasped, sooner rather than later. This course is clearly in the public interest.

If OPEC producers have been able to use their wealth to purchase military power, America's great military victory over Iraq can also be translated into political power that might exert steady pressure to diminish OPEC's ability to rig the market.

That would deter the accumulation of weapons that increase the temptation, and fear, of war.

(Elie Kedourie is visiting professor in Columbia University's political science department.)

Our values, history, practicality converge

Jews must help relieve suffering wherever it occurs

ANALYSIS

By
RABBI MARC TANENBAUM

Many American Jewish organizations have issued public statements condemning the early international indifference to the plight of the Iraqi Kurds and Shi'ite Muslims fleeing Saddam Hussein's brutality.

Two leading Jewish overseas relief agencies — the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the American Jewish World Service — two weeks ago launched major national campaigns to provide food, clothing and medical aid to the Iraqi refugees. The AJWS also announced that it would be channeling its resources through the International Rescue Committee, a nonsectarian relief group formed in the 1930s to rescue refugees from Nazi Germany.

I serve on the boards of both the AJWS and the International Rescue Committee. During discussions of what would be an appropriate response to the crisis, everyone sympathized with the victims. But some Jews questioned the idea of providing aid to the bitterly anti-Israel — and in many cases anti-Semitic — Shi'ite Muslims.

With like-minded others, I counselled that we have no moral alternative to aiding in the relief of the hunger, disease and suffering of these unfortunate people.

I am fully conscious of the anti-Israel and anti-Semitic culture that pervades much of the Muslim world. But if the sole criterion for deciding when to save lives were the victims' opinions about Israel and the Jews, none of the Jewish relief agencies — or the State of Israel — would be working in countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique or Uganda.

In making the decision to join others in providing aid to Iraqi refugees, there is a convergence of Jewish values, Jewish history and practicality.

Tikun olam (repairing the world) and saving human lives are primary, fundamental Jewish values. If Judaism is taken seriously, it can only be interpreted as conferring an inescapable obligation to reduce human suffering and salvage human beings from destruction.

The Jewish historical experience has traumatized us, in the words of Rabbi Abraham J. Heschel, into an awareness "of the indifference to evil and the evil of indifference."

This awareness of evil and its consequences is not a product only of recent history; its roots go back millenia. The Talmudic scholar Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik has said that God put the Jews through the hell of Egyptian slavery so that they might become *rachamanim b'nei rachamanim* — a people made, by their own suffering, hypersensitive to the suffering of others.

Finally, my years of experience in working on world refugee and hunger programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America have persuaded me that involvement by Jews and Israelis in relieving human suffering often leads to re-examination by Third World peoples of the hostile attitudes toward Israel and Jews instilled in them by Arab propaganda. The rescue of Ethiopian Jewry shows what can occur as a result of one country undergoing such a change in attitude.

(JTA)

(Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, for 30 years the director of the international relations department of the American Jewish Committee, is now a lecturer, writer and consultant.)

Editorial/Letters

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A sad spectacle

The much-vaunted "new world order" is in some disorder these days. First came the miserable aftermath of U. S. President George Bush's call to dissident Iraqis to overthrow their tyrannical ruler. Now we have the sad spectacle of a restored Kuwait returning to its undemocratic status quo, seasoned with indiscriminate and brutal reprisals against the Palestinian workers who provided the infrastructure on which the Kuwaiti oligarchy depended for its luxurious existence. Nor has Israel's role in enabling the coalition which liberated Kuwait to hold together been acknowledged. The emirate has made no move to free itself from the Arab boycott of Israel — an action which should not, in Kuwait's case, be regarded as "confidence-building" but rather as simple gratitude.

In the weeks leading up to the Gulf War, much was made of two principles on which the American-led coalition would not compromise. The first was that of unconditional withdrawal of Iraq's forces from Kuwait. The second was that there was no "linkage" between Saddam's withdrawal and efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute. The moral underpinning of these principles was that Iraq's invasion of Kuwait was naked aggression against an independent state that could not be tolerated under the rule of law. Bush extended that moral ground, justifiably on the basis of Saddam's record and even more so on the basis of his actions after the cease-fire, by holding out the promise of a new, and presumably more just and peaceful, world order in the troubled Middle East.

While direct "linkage" had been ruled out, the consensus even in Israel was that, after the Gulf crisis was resolved, efforts would be made to diminish the hostility between the Arab states and the Jewish state. By its restraint during Saddam's unprovoked missile attacks, Israel clearly put the coalition's interests above its own, and demonstrated its willingness to participate in creating a new, less hostile, atmosphere in its relations with its neighbors.

But what has happened in the aftermath of the war? We have bloody repression in Iraq, an unregenerate government in Kuwait, and an American foreign policy that is focussed almost exclusively on the Arab-Israeli issue. In short, linkage in fact if not in name and a new world order in name only.

If, in his ongoing efforts to bring peace to the Middle East, President Bush is to maintain the moral high ground he invoked during the Gulf War, he must remember that Israel is only part of the solution — and not the only problem.

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The paper innovated in publishing literary and historical studies and in 1906 brought out a supplement in modern Hebrew. According to Cecil Roth, the great Jewish historian, the Jewish Chronicle carried a feature between 1891 and 1892 called "Darkest Russia" which reported on the persecution of Russian Jews.

The Jewish Chronicle was one of the first newspapers to inform the world of the Nazi atrocities in the Second World War and in the post-war period covered outbreaks of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and South America.

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WHITEWASH FOR ISABELLA

Your correspondent who believes it necessary to defend Queen Isabella of Spain is not in accord with most available history texts.

As it is not a Jewish mitzvah to "turn the other cheek," readers should know that Isabella's record of anti-Jewish action predated the 1492 expulsion by at least a decade. Further, the church of the day was in disarray; far from an overwhelming power as your correspondent may have us suppose. Finally, the confiscatory aspects of the edict benefited not the church but the crown.

In 500 years, Holocaust deniers may be touted as honest biographers of the good and wonderful Adolf Hitler. In the meantime, I am not in favor of your using a Jewish medium to provide a role-model, with ill-informed whitewashing of Isabella. She was instrumental in the destruction of a 1,000-year-old Spanish community of Jews. To the extent that correspondents wish to deny this, it is incumbent on them not the rest of the world, to provide evidence.

Herb Alexander
Toronto

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SEEKS WOMEN AT TEREZIN

I am a doctoral candidate at Drew University working in Holocaust Studies. My dissertation on women and the theatre at Terezin (Theresienstadt) is the formal mark of my lifetime commitment to the study and understanding of women in the Shoah. Of particular interest are women's experiences as they reflect a form of spiritual resistance.

Currently, I am in the process of establishing a network with women survivors who viewed, worked with or performed in revues, cabaret, theatre or improvisation performances in Terezin. I am also interested in speaking to women who may have had similar experiences at other camps.

I am already in conversation with several survivors including a group of women now living in Israel. In addition, a Terezin survivor, who is a Holocaust scholar teaching at the University of North Carolina, serves on my dissertation committee.

As both a Jew and a scholar, I will respect whatever confidentiality is requested.

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DECRIES ABSENCE OF YOUTH

On April 10, I attended the community memorial service for victims of the Holocaust at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. There were approximately 800 people in attendance. The keynote speaker was Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, probably the foremost Jewish activist in the world today.

As I looked around the room during the service, I became appalled at the constitution of the assembly. The overwhelming majority were senior citizens — people who actually lived through the Holocaust and can remember it first hand. Probably 90 per cent of the crowd fit this category.

While I was looking around and noticing this abysmal lack of presence by the younger generations of our community, Rabbi Weiss was speaking about the fact that the Jewish community is losing the battle with Holocaust revisionists who deny the Holocaust as

Rabbi Avraham Weiss

a "Jewish Hoax." There are convents going up at a number of concentration and death camps, and the number of Holocaust deniers is growing as is the number of Neo-Nazi groups in the world.

Right now, we still have evidence to counter-act these hate-mongers. But in 50 years or so, there will no longer be any survivors who can tell their story to the world. The death camps will have decayed into nothingness, and nothing will be there to mark their place except a monastery and a 23-foot cross. The worst crime ever to befall the Jewish people will vanish into a black hole of history from which it will never return.

And as Rabbi Weiss said, we are all, young and old, children or adults, survivors of the Holocaust, because Hitler wanted to kill us also. And our future is in our own hands. We can remain survivors by maintaining the memory of the Holocaust, or we can become Hitler's last victims, by assisting him in the obliteration of its memory.

"Zachor, Ve'Al Tishkach" is a duplicate term on purpose. We must remember, but not just that six million died. We must also never forget that we too were almost killed. It is not just the Jewish people that we must remember, we must also never forget that the Jewish nation was almost killed off.

The first step in remaining survivors is the observance, by each and every one of us, of Yom Hashoah, the institutionalization of this day as a day of mourning for the victims of the Holocaust, and for the young generation to join the old in paying tribute to the martyrs of Nazi inhumanity. For it is through them that we now have a Jewish homeland again, and it is through them that we can be taught how to survive.

Yehuda Poch
Political science student
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CAMPUS BIAS ON ISRAEL

Re: Teaching Book Comes Under Fire (CJN April 4). The book purports to provide a correct explanation of recent Middle East events and "was prepared by a group of teachers . . . with assistance from some faculty members of University of British Columbia."

During the fall of 1990 I was having some correspondence about general political issues with a University of Guelph faculty member. He probably did not realize that I am Jewish. The Kuwait situation was heating up at that time. The professor sent me a document which he evidently admires, written by a third person and also an analysis of the Middle East situation. This document refers to "the Israeli-U.S. sponsored UN attack on Iraq."

The British Columbia book phenomenon is not an isolated one. The same insanity which leads people to say there was no Holocaust also leads people to say that Israel caused the Iraq-Kuwait problem, and that Iraq is the innocent victim of Israel in the whole affair.

Edward J. Farkas
Toronto

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WINE MADE BY NON-JEWS

In his letter of April 11, Harold Grossman facetiously thanks Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum for bringing to his attention the "significant aveira" of sharing a drink of wine made by a non-Jewish neighbor.

If Mr. Grossman were to take the time to examine the shulchan aruch (code of Jewish law), section Yoreh Deah, in the laws of Yayin Nesech, he would discover that it is, indeed, forbidden to drink of wine made by a non-Jew.

A further elucidation of these laws can be found in Chochmat Adam, Chapter 75, paragraphs 13 and 14. If Mr. Grossman is sincerely interested in the halachic opinion on this subject, he should check out the sources before offering his commentary on Jewish Law.

If he is not interested in what the halacha has to say, the least he could do would be to refrain from mocking those of us who do care.

Jerrold Landau
Toronto

(Editor's note: Correspondence on this issue of intermarriage is now closed.)

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DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?

I am trying to locate my father, Samuel Schweitzer (also spelled "Schweizer"), who was born in Poland on May 12, 1912. He is likely a concentration camp survivor, and to my knowledge, both of his parents died in a camp. My father left Poland after the war and ended up in Oslo, Norway, where he met my mother Elly.

I was born in December of 1950. In late 1953 or early 1954, my father left Oslo for Toronto, and my mother and I followed him in June 1954. Our first home was on Grange Avenue, then we moved to Oxford Street, close to Kensington Market, and then to Leonard Avenue. While we lived on Leonard, my father regularly attended the Hebrew Men of England synagogue on Spadina Avenue. In 1958, my mother and father separated permanently. At the time my father worked as a dishwasher at Mount Sinai Hospital. In those years he went to steambaths on Spadina Avenue (near College) and Bathurst Street (near Queen).

I saw my father, for the last time, in the winter of 1961, on Spadina Avenue. Five years later, in 1966, an elderly couple my father knew, told me that the last time they had heard of my father he was employed at the Doctors Hospital. Those friends of my father's are now dead.

My father has a sister in Israel, and my mother assumed he left Canada for Israel. My mother is very ill now and unable to give me any more information about him. I would be happy to hear from anyone who knew my father while he lived in Toronto.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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SCHLOSS — SCHLOESSER

One of the insignia on the houses in the Jewish ghetto was a Schloss.

Schloss may mean either a castle or a lock. While one might be tempted to speculate that the Jew considered his humble home as his castle, the probability is that he was displaying a lock to indicate his vocation.

Schlosser is a locksmith (of doors and guns).

Opinion

More than an eating place, it is an institution

Ladovsky's: where Toronto's Jewish past, present meet

By
J. B. SALSBERG

All my life I've been fascinated by the past; our historic Jewish past, as well as by our recent past, here in Canada, to which I came when I was 10.

Oddly (and perhaps not so oddly) my memories of my earlier childhood are not of a country called Poland but of a small town, a shtetl, called Lagov in, what was then "Russian Poland." Of Lagov my memory bank is full of details. Indeed, I can recall the smells and tastes of most things that surrounded me, like my grandmother's freshly-dug, first potatoes of the season, served in cold "sour milk" in a shuttered kitchen, on a very hot summer afternoon.

So, as you can see, you can remove the boy from the shtetl but you can't remove the shtetl from the boy . . . .

With this background it will be easier for you, my esteemed readers, to appreciate why I, even as a kid, immediately after having arrived to Toronto, was attracted to Aaron Ladovsky's "dairy restaurant" in a basement on Agnes Street, near Terauly Street in the very heart of our first Jewish residential section in Toronto.

I was a stone's throw away from the Lyric theatre on the very corner of that intersection. The Lyric theatre, my friends, was the wonderland of our immigrant Jewish population, who never saw a theatrical performance in their small shtetlech.

J.B. Salsberg

Well, Aaron Ladovsky from Kielce, Poland (Kelts as we called it), was a baker with strong leanings towards modern concepts of Jewish cultural life. He became a baker in Toronto, of course. But, such were the social and cultural concerns of that new immigrant that he helped found the Jewish Bakers Union of Toronto as well as the Kelcer society. The rest, as they say, is history.

Ladovsky moved his dairy restaurant to Spadina Avenue when the Jewish immigrant population moved there, following the garment trade's concentration on the lower regions of Spadina. And, in no time, Ladovsky's dairy restaurant became much more than a Jewish eating place; it became a social, cultural and political arena in which, besides "snatching a bite," all national and political partisans promoted and defended their viewpoints.

It was never dull!

It was presided over by the cautiously speaking, and smilingly tolerant Ladovsky, who, unknown to most, also had the habit of urging hungry but penniless "customers" to eat even when they didn't have a penny in their pockets. "You'll pay when you go to work" was his standard advice to the poor . . . .

Now the third generation of Ladovskys, among the last to leave Spadina, are carrying on the family tradition in the Lawrence Plaza, on north Bathurst Street. I go there as often as I can to not only enjoy their unchanged, downtown food, but also to observe the social and cultural lifestyle of the third generations of the original Ladovsky customers of old Spadina. Yes, the second and third generation of the first Ladovsky customers frequently make their pilgrimage to Ladovsky's.

But there is a change, of course.

Now Ladovsky's at Lawrence Plaza is often the place where Jewish generations meet and renew their ties.

Sons and daughters of the originals, who grew up in the Spadina period of Aaron Ladovsky's Dairy Restaurant, come to meet their friends, their old downtown neighbors at Ladovsky's Lawrence Plaza.

Since the Bathurst Street area bordering the Plaza is rich in very comfortable apartment buildings, built especially for self-managed senior tenants, they usually come in Ladovsky's with their family visitors "for a bite." One sees three generations of the original Spadina region families occupying space for the reunion. It's a delight to watch such reunions.

Seeing gray-haired grandparents with their grandchildren, feeding them morsels of cheese blintses at Ladovsky's, I often think that such events are an integral part of Jewish education. Indeed, I have long intended to have a serious talk with the third generation of the Ladovsky family, the present managers of the family's heritage (very intelligent and Jewishly schooled individuals), to introduce a Jewish program of music for at least certain days or evenings of the week. It is worth trying.

Why not? After all, the main emphasis that I try to make is that Ladovsky's restaurant is not just a Jewish eating place; it is an institution, a Jewish institution. Such Jewish culinary institutions exist in New York, in London, England, in Paris and, of course, in Israel. Why not here?

Okay, I can already hear some people on Bathurst Street and even some of my personal friends, say: Oy, Salsberg, what you can think up! . . . .

But what's wrong with "thinking up?"

Grandchildren of Aaron Ladovsky! Get ready for the next time I visit your restaurant which is, in my view, a heritage that belongs to all of us.

Letter sent to former Jewish inhabitants

Mayor of Berlin expresses support for Israel, U.S.

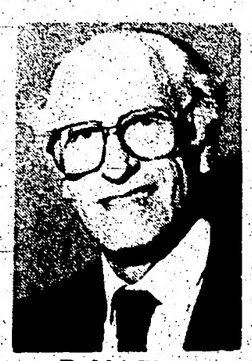
By
W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The picture of young German punks shouting "Sieg Heil!" which was featured in a number of North American papers recently is in some quarters taken as a true expression of a persistent German proclivity for fascism and anti-Semitism. It is therefore important to note that there is another reality which presents a quite different appearance.

Last week I received a letter signed by the mayor of Berlin which was apparently addressed to all former Jewish inhabitants of the city who are now living abroad. I was a recipient because I went to high school and university in Berlin, which I left over 55 years ago.

The mayor's letter, written during the Gulf War, is of sufficient interest to be reproduced herewith in full:

"Dear former Berliner, last year was for us in Europe and especially in Germany and Ber lin, a happy year, because of the fantastic political developments: the east-west confrontation ceased, and our adjacent east and southeast European neighboring countries became democracies.



Rabbi Plaut

"In contrast, how frightening has been the beginning of this year. The events in the former Baltic states, but also in other parts of the Soviet Union, make one fear that the reformist plans of the Soviet Union, with which so many hopes are tied, could be suffocated.

"But I do not write you because of this. Like you, there is nothing amongst us that has worried us as much and has occupied our thinking and sentiments as the war in the Gulf. This we know: You in Israel are directly exposed to danger, and the United States bears the major burden of this war. In comparison, we Germans are far from the field of action and are only partial partners. Knowing this difference, I would like to reassure you, especially in Israel, that we are standing in solidarity with you.

"We cannot do much for you from Berlin, and we are depressed by the inability. But as soon as we in the Berlin district can influence events, we will support every initiative of the federal government, which ensures the safety of Israel.

"This is not the place to enumerate everything that motivates us and me, but let me say this: There were demonstrations in Germany against the war and especially also against the politics of the United States. This was tunnel vision. The reason and the effect of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait seemed to be turned upside down. But that has changed meanwhile. Now there are many people demonsrating in the streets for Israel, people who have an understanding for the actions of the United Nations, the reasons for America's and its allies' actions — and for the peace which all of us want.

"From Berlin I send you greetings in all countries. We are in these weeks especially tied to the fate of Israel, even as you are. We wish Israel everything good, the end of threats against it, the end of anxiety and finally, a true and abiding peace in secure borders. With cordial greetings,

"Eberhard Diepgen, Reigning Mayor of Berlin"

So far the letter. It says nothing of the arming of Iraq by the by German firms — but that is another matter — and not for Germany alone — and was not the issue the mayor wanted to address.

On a different, yet related note: A German publisher of paperbacks is in the process of planning a 33-volume edition of the collected works of Alfred Dobin, who has been dead for more than 30 years. Dobin was a Jew from Stettin who in his writings became the chief interpreter of the nature and heartbeat of Berlin. The re-issue of his long-suppressed works represents another milestone in Germany's recovery of its Jewish heritage.

Girls gave me reason to be proud

Daughters' bat mitvah made me aware of my blessings

By
ELAINE KAHN

I'm writing this on April 17, three days after Rachel and Sara's bat mitzvah. Go ahead and turn to another page if you were there — this is for everyone who's been following this particular soap since it began with our family trip to Israel two long, long years ago, when we bought two little girls tallitot and kippot in Jaffa.

Two young women who radiate inner beauty wore them for the first time on Shabbat to conduct most of the service, as their special tribute to a congregation that has become their home over the past five years. On Sunday, their actual bat mitzvah, they did the entire service (except for the mourner's kaddish) and a d'var Torah each.

Both days, they were composed, clear and flawless. And, although we all knew how much work had gone into the preparation, so natural.

Although I understand why we couldn't film or photograph the bat mitzvah service, it does make things all rather skewed. Because, no matter how wonderful the party (alive on film and in photos) was, the service was why we were there and we'll have to rely on memory to see and hear it.

The girls refused to have a rehearsal, which is usually the time sanctuary shots are taken. I'm proud of their determination to avoid the staged or the fake — I just hope my memory stays clear for a long time.

Already the comments about them becoming rabbis-like-their-father are coming in — as if there were enough educated skilled laypeople around! I watched them in awe — and in some shame, for not having all those skills and that knowledge myself. And my incomprehension of those who would deny it all to females only grew.

Elaine Kahn

I got weepy when, a week beforehand, I'd listened to my mother, with my husband guiding her, rehearse the blessings said before and after an aliya, in preparation for the bat mitzvah when she would, standing with my father, be given an aliya for the first time in her life.

It'll be your bat mitzvah too, I told her, which was, technically, true. No, she said, not when I don't know near as much as Rachel and Sara.

The only major disappointment in our simcha was that not one of our rabbi friends who lives in the United States could come. Not one of them could take the weekend off or get a flight after Shabbat to bring them here by early Sunday morning. It's certainly one of the more unpleasant realities of a rabbi's job that he or she, officiant at the simchas of so many, often has to miss the simchas of close friends and relatives.

Not that we had any time to spend with those dear ones who did come in from far away. It would've helped if we'd hired a waitress Friday night when there were two dozen of us for dinner — why did I think deli platters and paper plates would mean no kitchen detail?

And why, when I was hoisted on a chair by a group of robust men during a hora, was the only thing in my mind, aside from fright, "My God, now they'll know how much I weigh!"?

We decided to keep speeches to a minimum — just us and the kids. Then my grandmother Kahn asked to speak on behalf of the girls' three remaining grandparents and three great- grandparents. She's not an easy person to refuse, something she knows and plays with very nicely. Her speech is one of the day's treasures.

We'd decided not to do a candlelighting ceremony, but did want something to help everyone feel included in the celebration, even if only symbolically, since you can't give everyone a part unless you're casting The Ten Commandments. We also had not had a simchat bat for Sara and Rachel when they were born, so we felt they'd never been properly welcomed into the covenant.

Last summer, we asked a friend to write a ceremony for us. After the meal, on a table in front of the head table, a havdalah candle was lit (separating Rachel and Sara from childhood? separating them, as twins, from each other? separating them from, damn, their parents?). Seven groups of two people each then came up, recited a blessing and poured wine from small glasses into a large goblet.

Their grandparents did an eighth blessing. Then the girls said one to each other, blessed the wine, drank from the goblet and it was time for birkat ha-mazon.

The blessings all cited traditional ancestors — for example, "May you be like Rabbi Akiva, who was willing to learn at an advanced age and at every age" or "May you be like Sarah our mother, who laughed at life's ironies and surprises."

Some had special private meaning. For example, blessing the girls in the name of Deborah the Prophet. Devora is Rachel's middle name, because I've always had good friends named Debbie (two of whom were at the bat mitzvah) and the woman through whom my husband and I met is Devorah in Hebrew.

Or, especially, having two of my late father-in-law's brothers bless them in the name of Jacob, "our Father, who took care of others," when Yaakov was my father-in-law's Hebrew name.

I think the ceremony had enough traditional resonance to affect our guests in both the brain and heart — I hope so. New rituals aren't born with the layers or resonance that make us respond to so much in our tradition — that develops over time. But every ritual and blessing we have was, at some point, new.

It's rare in my experience as a host, but I was able to relax and enjoy myself. There's been the expected letdown now that it's over, but there's none of the anticipated emotional void, because I've never been as aware in my life of all my blessings.

Backgrounder

Books in review

Israeli society, Golda Meir, heroes and strategy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The latest batch of books on the Middle East...

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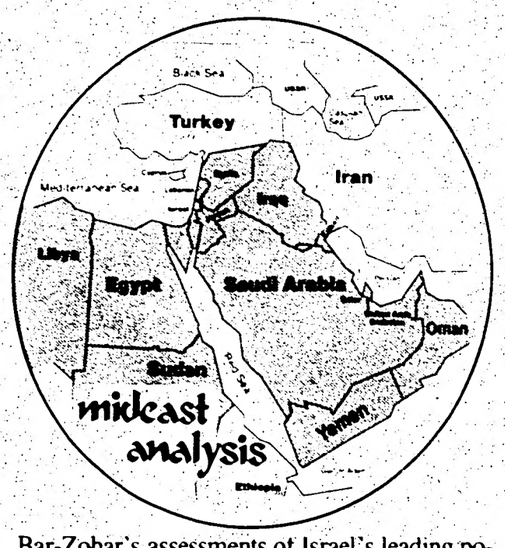
Michael Bar-Zohar is David Ben-Gurion's biographer, a former adviser to Moshe Dayan and a Labor party member of the Knesset. In *Facing a Cruel Mirror* (Macmillan, $31.95), Bar-Zohar analyses Israeli society and furnishes pen portraits of its political leaders.

A reformer, Bar-Zohar believes that Israel has to rebuild its political system. "The structures, the rules and the customs... can no longer respond to the needs of our complex, dynamic society," he writes. But that is just the starting point. The Histadrut and the Jewish Agency are in need of reform, as is Israel's economy. And, Bar-Zohar adds, Israel can succeed in these endeavors only when "the present leadership hands the torch to a younger generation."



Bar-Zohar's assessments of Israel's leading political figures are frank and to the point.

Ben-Gurion — Israel's first, somewhat hawkish prime minister — wanted "to liberate" the West Bank. But after the Six Day War, he changed his mind, calling for an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip (but not the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem) in return for "a real peace."

Golda Meir, he writes, lacked "political imagination and a statesman's insight." Dayan always deferred to Golda Meir's judgment. Yitzhak Rabin is insensitive to human and social problems, but has a clear and orderly mind. Shimon Peres is a shrewd judge of character, yet surrounds himself only with yes-men. Ariel Sharon is a scheming, untrustworthy politician.

Bar-Zohar argues that the Yom Kippur War was Israel's "greatest victory ever." He claims that Menachem Begin's second government (from 1981 to 1983) was "the most unbalanced (and) reckless" Israel has had. Bar-Zohar's account of Israel's attempt to reach a peace agreement with King Hussein of Jordan in 1987, an effort spearheaded by Peres, is fascinating.

Peter Hellman's book, *Heroes: Tales from the Israeli Wars* (Henry Holt, $19.95 U.S.), is a hero-worshipping account of soldiers who've served Israel above and beyond the call of duty. Among them are Aryeh (Biro) Dayan, a pugnacious senior officer wounded in the capture of an enemy position on the Golan Heights; Uzi Yairi, a tough commando who led headline-making raids into Beirut in 1968 and 1973; Gen. Israel Tal, the father of the Merkava tank; and Guni Harnick, an idealist who was killed during the 1982 Lebanon War.

Ariel Sharon: outspoken and combative.

Hellman, a seasoned journalist, is not as careful as someone like him should be. On page 160, for example, he makes two elementary errors of fact. First, he claims that Uganda is 800 miles from Israel. It is much farther away. Second, he confuses the date of Israel's mini invasion of Lebanon in 1978 (the Litani operation), placing it in June rather than in March. In fact, Israel withdrew in June.

Is Israel a strategic asset to the United States? Yes, argues A.F.K. Organski in *The $36 Billion Bargain* (Columbia University Press, $30 U.S.). A professor of political science at the University of Michigan, he ticks off the reasons why U.S. aid to Israel is cost effective, and explains the nature of Israel's complex relationship with the United States.

Joyce Starr, a Mideast consultant and commentator, examines U.S.-Israel relations anecdotally in *Kissing Through Glass: The Invisible Shield Between Americans and Israelis* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $27.50). You may not agree with all her assumptions and conclusions, but Starr has a firm grasp of her topic.

Bernard Avishai's collection of essays, *A New Israel: Democracy in Crisis, 1973-1988* (Thomas Allen, $31.95), is informative and trenchant. They originally appeared in the New York Review of Books. Avishai deals handily with topics running the gamut from Zionism and Palestinian nationalism to Israeli politics and the peace process.

There have been major developments in the Middle East since the 1978 Camp David Accords, notably in the realm of Israel-Egypt relations and the Palestinian question. In *Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians* (Indiana University Press, $17.50), Ann Mosely Lesch and Mark Tessler address these issues. Of particular interest are essays on Israel's efforts to normalize relations with Egypt, Israel's settlement program in the territories, the Palestinians' political and ideological response to the occupation and the notion of territorial compromise in Israel.

Israel, Palestinians and the Intifada (Routledge, Chapman & Hall, $35.95) by Geoffrey Aronson is a first-class piece of work — rigorously researched and felicitously written. Aronson analyses Israel's policies in the territories and the formation of a Palestinian reaction, putting both into historic perspective. He maintains that "the seductive appeal of the status quo is likely to remain the greatest factor inhibiting a change in Israeli policy."

Arafat: In the Eyes of the Beholder (Lyle Stuart, $19.95 U.S.) looks at the chairman of the PLO through Jordan, Syria, Israel, the United States, Arafat's relatives and friends and Arafat himself. The authors, Janet and John Wallach, are seasoned American journalists. In great detail, they trace Arafat's life and career from his formative years in Cairo to his role in the Persian Gulf crisis.

Ariel Sharon, Israel's housing minister, looms large on the Israeli political scene. Outspoken, combative and militant, Sharon had a distinguished military career before he turned his attention to right-wing politics.

In *Warrior* (Touchstone Books, $14.95 U.S.), his autobiography written with David Chanoff, Sharon recalls his youth, his ascent through the ranks to the pinnacle of a generalship and his wars, both on the battlefield and in the political arena. It's strong, one-sided stuff.

Arabs and Jews in Israel (Westview Press, $26.50) is a scholarly analysis of group relations. It is written by Sammy Smooha, a Haifa University sociologist. Smooha's book, though largely inaccessible to the average reader, advances the study of Arab-Jewish relationships.

The Arab in Israeli Literature (Indiana University Press, $32.50 U.S.) should be read in conjunction with Smooha's book. Gila Ramras-Rauch, a professor of Hebrew literature at Hebrew College in Boston, examines the manner in which the Arab has been portrayed by a succession of Hebrew novelists from the turn of the century to the late 1980s. Coming under her scrutiny are writers like Yosef Brenner, Aharon Megged, A.B. Yeshoshua and Amos Oz. It's clear that Arabs have been a significant presence in Hebrew literature.

Conflict and Accommodation Between Jews in Israel (Keter Publishing, Jerusalem, $8.95 U.S.) takes a close, searching look at Israeli Orthodox Jews and how they relate to secular Jews. It is edited by Charles Liebman, a Bar Ilan University academic, and consists of 11 essays on topics ranging from Religious Jewry in the Secular Press to The Dove and the Skullcup: Secular and Religious Divergence in the Israeli Peace Camp.

The Archaelogical Encyclopedia of the Holy Land (General, $41.95) is touted as the most complete one-volume reference book on the subject. Containing more than 600 entries and 300 illustrations, this is truly an exhaustive compendium that merits a special place in any library.

Ariel Levite, a research associate at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies, provides a valuable overview of Israel's preparedness for war in *Offense and Defense in Israeli Military Doctrine* (Westview Press, $18 U.S.) This is a book that clears away myths and misconceptions about the Israeli armed forces.

Islamic fundamentalism has made worrisome inroads throughout the Middle East since the 1979 Iranian revolution. Dilip Hiro's *Holy Wars* (Routledge, Chapman & Hall, $14.95) takes a discerning look at Islamic movements in Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Afghanistan. Hiro proceeds from the thesis that fundamentalist forces have been active in Islam from almost day one.

Sayyid Qutb (1906-1966) is regarded as one of Egypt's foremost Islamic thinkers. One of his essays, Our Struggle with the Jews, forms the basis of *Past Trials & Present Tribulations* (Pergamon Press, $20.95) by Ronald Nettler. In this fairly slim but thought-provoking volume, Nettler shows how Islamic fundamentalists like Qutb regard Judaism and Jews. It makes for sombre reading.

Soviet olim want jobs

By
CATHERINE GERSON

They are embarrassed, shy, upset. They feel angry, disappointed and humiliated.

That was the gamut of emotions expressed by about 20 immigrants from the Soviet Union who gathered recently in a small apartment in Ashdod to discuss their experiences since arriving in Israel.

They left the Soviet Union for political reasons and, in the words of one of them, "because deep inside, we have always known that Israel is our real home, that Russia was only 'for loan.'"

Yet some are not ashamed to say that if they had to do it over they would have stayed in the Soviet Union where most, in this group at least, had good jobs and steady incomes, and lived in relative comfort.

For two and a half hours they talked and many wept.

"I knew it would be hard, that I would have to work hard at jobs that are perhaps not suitable, that it would take time until I got used to life in Israel," said Asher Shnirman, an electrical engineer who arrived in Israel a few months ago and occupies the Ashdod flat with his wife, Dina, and their two children.

"I thought I was prepared for what awaited me when I left Kishinev," he added.

In Kishinev, the Shnirmans lived in a house with a garden. They had a car and their children went to good schools.

In Ashdod, they live in two small rooms and a kitchenette in the basement of a luxurious villa, with no refrigerator and an electric stove with a single working coil.

Their monthly rent is the equivalent of $400 (U.S.). The landlord demanded three months in advance.

For rent, food and general expenses the Shnirmans receive $530 a month from the Absorption Ministry.

Most of the immigrants preferred at first not to talk of their personal problems. But as an hour passed and the flat was darkened by a power failure, one-by-one they opened up, telling of their despair, of seeing "no light at the end of the tunnel."

Up to a few months ago, only a very few Soviet immigrants ever talked of returning to Kishinev, Leningrad or Tbilisi. Now more would go back, including Yivgeniz Katsif, a recent immigrant from Moldavia.

Katsif's husband died suddenly three months ago, a few weeks before their scheduled flight to Israel. Although she hadn't experienced anti-Semitism personally, she decided to take her two daughters, her mother and her mother-in-law to Israel because, she said, "I wanted to build us a new, safe life in our own country. I came because of my daughters. If I would have known three months ago that this was my future, I would have stayed in the Soviet Union."

Unlike many other immigrants who are sent to absorption centres for a period of acclimatization, Soviet olim are introduced to the "direct absorption" system.

With a subsidy that now amounts to approximately $8,500 for a family of three to help tide them over the first year, the newcomers must find housing, jobs, study Hebrew and otherwise learn to cope with daily life in their new country.

Many don't know what their entitlements are, because most government offices are open only in the morning when the olim are studying Hebrew.

Luba, a single mother in her 40s from Leningrad, hasn't been able to begin her intensive courses because a computer at the Absorption Ministry goofed. According to its data, she simply does not exist. Neither do her 11-year-old twin daughters, both of whom are mentally retarded.

Everyone agrees it is a mistake, but nobody seems able to correct it.

After two months of going from office to office, Luba continues her fight for recognition. But she can only do so when a kind neighbor agrees to watch her daughters.

The olim generally are full of praise for ordinary Israelis.

"The people here are warm. They try to help us," said Luba. "They give me food, and my friends who have given us a room to sleep in try to help too, but no one knows whom I should turn to."

Frustrated and bewildered, these people insist that they "don't want anything for free."

"The only thing we need and ask for is work," Shnirman said. "If we get a job, we could start saving money, and in a few years we could buy a flat and finally feel that we are home." *(JTA)*

"Highlight of my life," says German envoy posted to Israel

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Niels Hansen arrived in Tel Aviv in 1981 to take up his post as Germany's ambassador to Israel, he feared he'd be shunned by some Israelis.

"I was afraid a lot of people wouldn't want to deal with me," he recalled in an interview. "But all in all, people were fair, even friendly and cordial. Israelis, once they realize you care about their problems and concerns, are nice."

It was anything but surprising that Hansen — a career diplomat whose foreign postings have taken him to Lisbon, Berne, New York and Washington — was somewhat apprehensive when he left Germany for Israel.

The bilateral relationship between Germany and Israel had grown by leaps and bounds since the first (West) German envoy, Rolf Pauls, presented his credentials back in May of 1965.

But, as Hansen well knew, the terrible past was still a yawning obstacle in efforts by Germans and Jews to turn a new page — a regrettable but indelible stain on the fabric of the democratic Federal Republic of Germany. Who, after all, could dare sweep under the rug the fact that the Holocaust was conceived and executed by Germany? And, of course, who could really fault those Israelis, particularly survivors, who could neither forget nor forgive the crimes the Nazis had committed in Germany's name?

Apart from these inescapable considerations, which every German ambassador to Israel faces, Hansen started his new posting at a delicate juncture in German-Israel relations. Several months earlier, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had visited Saudi Arabia and had discussed the possibility of selling advanced German tanks to the Saudis. Upon his return to Bonn, Schmidt compounded the outrage already felt in Israel by implying that Germans had no choice but to recognize Palestinian demands for self-determination, and by asserting that the Palestinians "are not the only ones who throw bombs." The Israeli government regarded this barb as criticism of its retaliatory policy in Lebanon.

In response, Prime Minister Menachem Begin claimed that Schmidt, as a Wehrmacht officer, had been faithful to Hitler to the end, and declared that Germans bore "collective responsibility" for the Holocaust.

This bitter intergovernmental row, probably the worst in German-Israel relations, had largely blown itself out when Hansen arrived on the scene. The controversy reared its head again, albeit in a far less vocal form, about a year into Hansen's tenure. But it, too, faded away.

Then, as now, Hansen adopted the long view. "The gist of Israel-German relations, which is good, remained untouched by these controversies. The human dimension — youth exchanges, cultural programs, scientific co-operation — was not affected."

In retrospect, Hansen believes the fuss could have been avoided altogether. "Schmidt said things he should not have said, while Begin overreacted."

Yet, Hansen added, Schmidt was received warmly in Israel in 1985 during a private visit. "Schmidt, despite his unwillingness to visit Israel as chancellor, had a warm, positive attitude to Israel. He was a proven friend, though he never minced his words."

Hansen, who described his posting to Israel as "the highlight of my life," said the hardest part of his job was to confront his country's "very ugly past" — the anti-Semitic laws, Kristallnacht, the Holocaust. "This was indeed haunting."

Yet he was exceedingly pleased to have been given the ambassadorship which, he said, is "very coveted" by German diplomats "who want to do something."

Hansen, who was interviewed in Toronto on the eve of delivering the first Marnie Kimelman Memorial Lecture at Adath Israel Congregation, said he was prepared for his Israeli assignment by virtue of the contacts he had forged with the Jewish community in the United States. "I was quite familiar with Jewish things."

Born in Heidelberg and raised in the northern port of Lubeck, Hansen still has very vivid memories of broken shop windows in the wake of Kristallnacht. His liberal parents, he said, were "deeply shocked" by the pogrom. His teachers were silent. "I think they were ashamed."

He was drafted in 1942, and completed his military service in Germany and Italy. He was badly wounded in the battle of Monte Casino. At the end of 1943, a fellow soldier told him of the atrocities in German concentration camps. He guessed, rightly, that Jews were among the victims.

A lawyer by training, Hansen believes the Holocaust is bound up with "the backdrop of German anti-Semitism." As he put it: "There was a 'Jewish Question' in Germany — a very bad sign already for Germany." Hansen argues that Hitler's anti-Jewish policies "didn't harm him too much," but points out that "the population at large did not concur with Kristallnacht."

As ambassador until 1985, Hansen made deep and lasting friendships in Israel. "You meet a tremendous number of very interesting people in Israel," he observed. He had no problems dealing with former German Jews, or Yekkes, as he affectionately referred to them. "I was treated very fairly." And he was not surprised by their abiding attachment to German culture.

Hansen, however, failed in his attempt to convince Begin's Herut party to abolish a resolution which bans official contact with Germany.

Niels Hansen (centre right) takes part in a top-level meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin (bottom left) and his advisors.

"There are still political forces in Israel today that take a skeptical or even negative view of a trusting relationship with Germany. Aside from the extreme left, which no longer plays the same role as before, the skeptics are traditionally found in Herut and the parties further to the right."

In this respect, Hansen understands why the present Speaker of the Knesset, the Herutnik and survivor Dov Shilansky, refuses to meet German visitors in his official capacity. "One has to respect his attitude, though one can regret it. What can you do?"

As Hansen sees it, most Israelis are ready "to forge increasingly close ties and maintain bonds with the new Germany." While in Israel, Hansen, a Hebrew speaker, was elected president of the Rotary Club, and now, as a resident of Bonn, he is president of the German Association of the Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

One of Hansen's daughters, who was a student at the Herzlia Gymnasium, wrote her final high school exams in Hebrew and English. Another daughter studied music in Israel, and had an Israeli boyfriend.

Hansen has definitive views on the nature of Germany's friendship with Israel.

"Our good relations with Israel should not be seen only through the prism of the past," he mused. "We share common spiritual and moral values. Israel belongs to the West. We deal with a nation that belongs to our community of values, a society whose religion has helped shape Western culture and civilization."

German policy toward Israel, Hansen explained, "attaches highest priority to securing its existence in permanent and recognized borders so that it can develop without external pressure."

Hansen is of the opinion that Germans "have no business" advising Israel about the status of the disputed territories. Hansen, however, is not hopeful of an imminent breakthough in Arab-Israeli peace talks. He supports Israel's right to iron-clad security guarantees, but notes that its image "will suffer" if it keeps the territories.

Germans, he said, do not question Germany's close links with Israel. "As opinion surveys show, Israel's image in Germany has always tended to be positive, despite variations caused by day-to-day events."

The intifada has tarnished Israel's image, he acknowledged. But the crisis in the Persian Gulf burnished Israel's reputation in the eyes of Germans.

Hansen is clearly pained that a number of German companies illegally sold military technology to Saddam Hussein's Iraq. "It was a scandal, and no one defended these firms. Greed was their motive.

"Maybe the (German) government didn't supervise the export laws tightly enough. Our arms exports policy is a restrictive one, and we have compiled a good record over the years."

Hansen suggested that Germany, in conjunction with its European Community partners, should further tighten its export policy.

Hansen stated that German unification was in Israel's national interest, since Germany is Israel's closest friend after the United States.

He strongly believes that Germany and Israel can maintain their special relationship, but cautioned that it "won't work unless it's based on consensus."

Looking back at 26 years of Israeli-German diplomatic relations, Hansen expressed confidence.

"In many fields relations are now closer than those between most other states. The importance of this development cannot be overestimated. The relationship is beginning to consolidate. We are on the right path. Trust is taking root. Even skeptical Israelis now sense that they can rely on the new Germany."

Religious revival among Soviets proves difficult

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

Launching a religious revival among Jews in the Soviet Union is proving to be an uphill struggle, mainly because the liberalization of Soviet society has opened the way for the mass exodus of Soviet Jews.

That was evident recently at the second Congress of the Union of Jewish Religious Communities held in Moscow.

The podium was graced by distinguished rabbis and halachic sages from Israel and the United States, who came to offer advice and encouragement But the 200 delegates in the audience, mostly men over 60, seemed to be at a loss about what to do.

Having worked all their lives to preserve the tattered remnants of religious life in their cities and towns, when official government policy opposed all religions, they are now free to do as they please.

But they do not know where to begin. Nor do they have the synagogue as a centre of communal life.

Most serious is the growing shortage of Jews to fill the synagogues. The mass aliya in the past year has drastically reduced the Jewish population in many areas. In the large Ukrainian city of Kharkov, for example, over half the Jews have gone to Israel in the past year. Their departure coincided, ironically, with the government's return of the synagogue, a large building that had been used as a community gym.

Kharkov's Jewish community lacks the money to restore and finish the building or buy the ritual accessories. The building therefore remains empty except for a small room used as a makeshift chapel, where the Torah scroll is kept in an old refrigerator instead of a proper Ark.

All over the Soviet Union, about a dozen synagogue buildings have been returned by the government in the past two years, to be used for their original purpose.

There are about 100 cities and towns with significant Jewish populations, and practically all of them now have synagogues. But apart from a dearth of congregants, there is only a handful of Soviet rabbis and religious teachers.

The Union of Jewish Religious Communities was formed about a year ago by the leaders of Moscow's Choral Synagogue, Rabbi Avraham Shayevitch and the congregation president, Vladimir Federovsky.

A plan was announced at the congress to create a central rabbinic authority for the Soviet Union, headed by Rabbis Pinhas Goldschmidt and Shayevitch, which would work in co-ordination with the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

One of its tasks would be converting people of Jewish ancestry who want to immigrate to Israel.

Reciting a list of urgent needs, Rabbi Shayevitch said that Soviet Jews must have more religious literature in Russian, more schools and more yeshivot. He also said there is a need to organize communal welfare for the needy, an activity long dormant.

During the congress, the formation of a new yeshiva in Moscow was announced. It has an enrolment of 20 students from various parts of the Soviet Union.

It is sponsored by Moscow's Choral Synagogue and Agudath Israel of America. One of its purposes is to train indigenous religious leaders for Soviet Jews.

Two other yeshivas in Moscow are sponsored, respectively, by Chabad and Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz of Jerusalem.

Rabbi Goldschmidt, the head of the new yeshiva, appealed to the delegates to find two or three young men in their communities willing to devote themselves to five years of study, who could then return to serve their communities.

"We need locally trained leaders," he stressed. "Synagogues without rabbis are dead."

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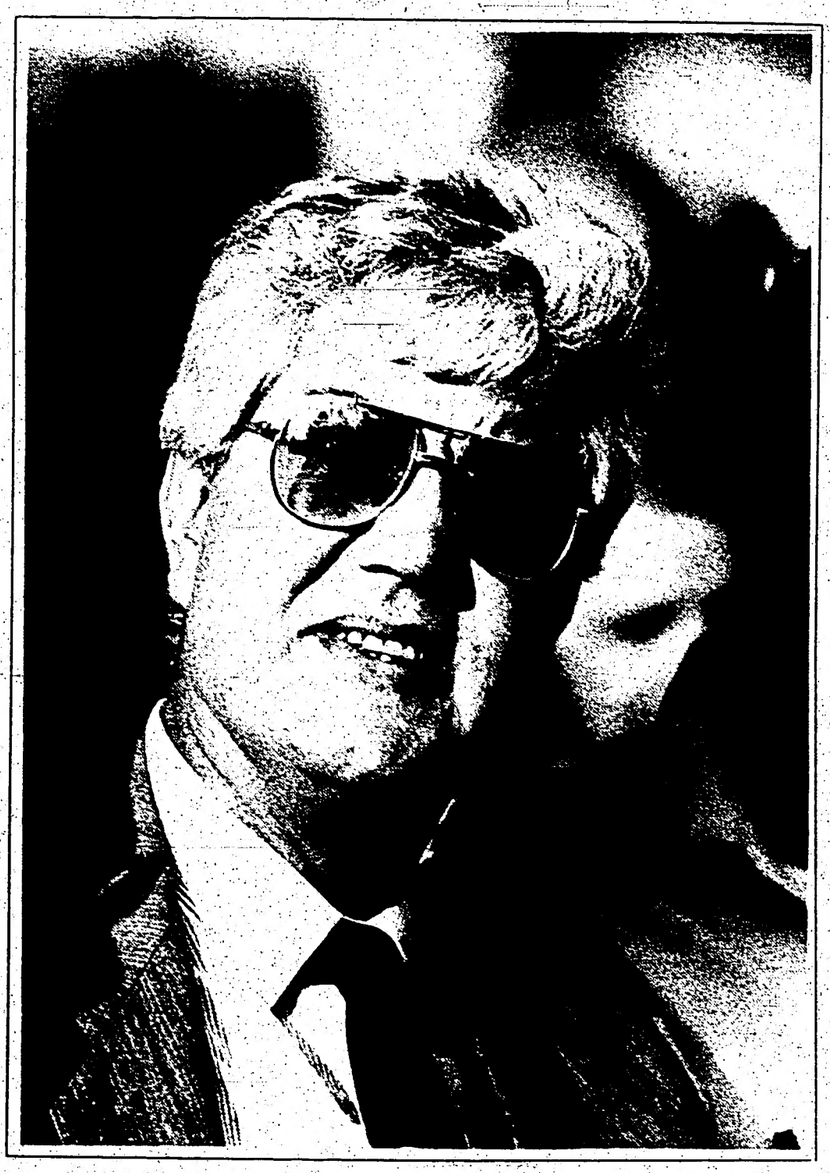

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עס קומט מיר אָפט אויס צו הערן אַ סארקאַס־טישן געלעכטער פון איניקע פון מיינע פריינט, ווען איך זאָג זיי, אַז איך האָב אַן אינטערעס אין דער יידישער שפּראַך און ליטעראַטור. דאָס געלעכטער ווערט נאָך שטאַרקער, ווען איך זאָג זיי, אַז אַלס רעזולטאַט פון מײַן לימשאַפט פאַר יידיש, בין איך געווארן דער פאָרזיצער פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש ביים טאָראָנטער יידישן קאָנגרעס. פרעגן זיי מיט שפּאָט: „ווער דאַרף יידיש? ווער רעדט היינט יידיש?". אזעלכע זאַכן פאַרשאַפן מיר אַ סַך פיין. איך בייס מיין צונג, אָבער איך בייזער זיך נישט און פרוּביר געבן אַן ענטפער, וואָס קען אפשר העלפן איבערקומען זייער אָפּגעפרעמדקייט פון יידיש.

די ערשטע סיבה פון מיין ווייטיק איז, אַז די פאַלשע באַציאונג צו יידיש באַגרענעצט זיך נישט בלויז צום דריטן דור, צו הי־געבוירענע יידן, די גאָר יונגע, פאַר ווען עס איז די אייניקע שפּראַך. דאָס סאַראַסטישע געלעכטער, די פאַלשע באַציאונג צו יידיש עקזיסטירט אויך צווישן אַ סַך פון די, וואָס זיינען געקומען קיין קאַנאַדע פון סביבות, וואו זיי האָבן זיך אין גאַנצן אויסגעלעבט אין יידיש; געלערנט אין יידישע שולעס, גערעדט יידיש אין דער היים, אין גאַס אוּן ביי דער אַרבעט. די צייטונגען אוּן ביכער, וואָס זיי האָבן געלייענט, זיינען אויך געווען יידישע. אָבער ווען זיי זיינען געקומען קיין קאַנאַדע, האָבן זיי פאַרפאַקט זייער שפּראַך אוּן ליטעראַטור, אוּן דאָס פעקל יידישקייט אַוועקגעלייגט ערגעץ־וואו? אין אַ קעלער־ווינקל. ווען מען פרעגט זיי פאַרוואָס זיי ענטפערן זיי: „יידיש איז אַלטמאָדיש. יידיש שטאָמט פון אַ לאַנד אוּן אַ צייט, וואָס עקזיסטירט מער נישט. בעסער זיך אויסלעבן אין דער שפּראַך אוּן קולטור פון דער מערהייט, איידער זיך קלאַפן קאָפּ אין וואַנט מיט אַ שפּראַך אוּן קולטור פון אַ מינדערהייט".

דער צווייטער טייל פון מיין געראַנגל פאַר יידיש

אוּן מיט איניקע יידן, איז מיט די, וואָס האָבן אַזוי שטאַרק ליב יידיש, אַז זיי קענען זיך נישט גרינג טיילן מיט די יונגע. וואָס וויזן אַן אינטערעס אוּן ווילן טאָן אַרבעט אויפֿן געביט פון יידיש. די צרה איז, זאָגן איניקע פון אונדזערע שטאַרקע „יידיש־ליבהאָבער", אַז אָט־די יונגע זיינען נישט געוויג פאַראַנטוואָרט־לעך אַדער באַהאָונטן „זיי ווילן פאַרוואָסערן די ירושה. מיט אונדזערע שרייבערס אוּן פּאָעטן זיינען זיי נישט באַקאַנט. פּליסיק די שפּראַך קענען זיי נישט. די פון זיי, וואָס פרוּבירן רעדן יידיש, ברעכן זיך פֿשוט די ציין. גוואַלד — מיט וועמען גייט מען צום טיש?". מיין ענטפער אויף דעם איז: מען גייט צום טיש מיט די, וואָס ווילן זיצן ביים טיש. אוּן ווי נישט־דיק אוּן נישט דערפאַרן זיי זאָלן נישט זיין, זיינען זיי מענטשן, וואָס ווייזן אַרויס רעספּעקט אוּן גיבן אָפּ כבוד צו אונדזער נאַציאָנאַלן אוצר — די יידישע שפּראַך אוּן ליטעראַטור.

אַ געראַנגל אויף צוויי געביטן, קעגן צוויי פאַלשע צוגאַנגען צו יידיש אוּן יידיש־אַקטיוויטעטן. ביידע, די יונגע פאַרלייקענער אוּן די „אַלטע ליבהאָבער", וואָלטן געמעגט עפּעס לערנען פון י. ל. פּרצ'ס עסיי „וואָס פעלט אונדזער ליטעראַטור?". פֿרץ האָט דאָס געשריבן אַלס אַ וואַרנונג צו יידישע קינסטלער, וואָס האָבן זיך אָפּגעקערט פון יידישן אינהאַלט, אוּן געזוכט אינספּיראַציע בייַ דער נישט־יידישער וועלט. אָבער זיין וואַרנונג איז געווענדעט צו אַלעמען אוּן איז אויך גילטיק הײַנט־צו־טאָג. עֹר שרייבט: „מיט אַ פרעמדער נשמה קען מען נישט לעבן. פון אַ פרעמדן ווילן קען מען וועלן בלויז. זאָגאַר סוגעסטיאָנירט — אָבער לעבן מיט אַ פרעמדן ווילן קאָן מען נישט".

ווייטער אין זיין עסיי שרייבט פרץ: „יידישקייט איז נישט קיין שטייענדיק וואַסער... יידישקייט טאָר נישט געוואָלט ווערן סטאַטיש, נאָר דינאַמיש — אין דער אָנטוויקלונג. דאָס הייסט: איבעראַל, אויף דער גאַנצער יידישער וועלט אוּן אין אַלע צייטן; קיין אינצוקן עכט־יידישן מאָמענט טאָר מען נישט אויסמעקן".

מיין געראַנגל אַלס פאָרזיצער פון טאָראָנטער קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש איז צו פאַרטיידיקן דעם וועלט־פון־יידיש קעגן די, וואָס נעגירן עס אינגאַנצן, אוּן אויך בנוגע די, וואָס האָבן אַזוי „שטאַרק ליב יידיש", אַז זיי קענען נישט טיילן זייער ליבשאַפט פאַר יידיש מיט אַ יינגערן דור. איך זאָג צו די, וואָס זיינען אָפּגעפרעמדט פון יידיש אוּן באַטראַכטן די שפּראַך וויַ „אַלט־מאָדיש". אז זיי זאָלן קוקן מיט יידישע אויגן אוּן צוהערן זיך צו פרצ'ס וועלט, אַז קיין איין יידישן מאָמענט טאָר מען נישט אויסמעקן.

אוּן איך בעט די, וואָס האַלטן אַזוי שטאַרק אוּן אָפּגעהיט די יידישע שפּראַך אוּן קולטור, צו זיין אַ ביסל מער בריטהאַרציק מיט די פון אונדז, וואָס האַלטן יידיש טייער אוּן מחן אָנקומען צו איך נאָך הילף אוּן פארשטענדיקונג. איר האָט אַזוי פיל אונדז צו געבן. אוּן מיר האָבן אַזויפיל נאָך צו לערנען.

Lag B'Omer a time of joy, mourning

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

The following is an overview of the background and some customs of Lag B'Omer. The reader who wishes to research further is referred to Rabbi Tzvi Cohen's work *Bein Pesach L'Shovuos*.

Meaning of the words: *Lag* is the Hebrew formation of the two letters *lamed* and *gimmel* which have the corresponding numerical value of 30 and 3 — hence the 33rd day. *Omer* is a measure of barley which was brought to the Temple on the second day of Pesach. The Torah commands us to count seven weeks from the night before the *Omer* was brought, culminating with the Festival of Shavuot. Hence, these days bridge the two festivals, and each day is referred to by the number of its position in the period, lag being the 33rd.

The date: Lag B'Omer always falls on the 18th day of the month of Iyar and by calendar design never on Mondays or Wednesdays, but always on the day of the week on which Purim fell. Because of *gematriya* (Jewish symbolism alluded to by the numerical value of letters), even those who conclude the blessing with *L'Omer* refer to this day as *Lag B'Omer*.

Tragedies during the Omer period: Due to the death by plague of Rabbi Akivah's 24,000 students during this time, tradition mandates this period as a time of mourning. History records other tragedies that befell us during this period, among which the years 4,856 and 4,906 are known as persecutions of the Crusades, and the years 5,408 and 5,409 as pogroms suffered in the attacks led by Chmielnicki. Thus, halacha requires refraining from haircutting and shaving, and no weddings or musical festivities are celebrated during this period.

Lag B'Omer — a day of joy: In these days of tragedy, *Lag B'Omer* arises as an island of festivity in the sea of mourning. For most Jews (Sephardi Jewry ceases to mourn from the 34th day), mourning ceases at least for the day. Haircutting is permitted, marriages are held, feasts are partaken of, bonfires are lit, schools have outings, and sounds of music are heard once again.

Reasons for festivities: Several reasons have been offered for the day's festivity. Besides Kabbalistic ones, one authority, the Chasam Sofer, maintains that on this day the manna began to fall in the wilderness; thus the Jews were spared from death by hunger. But the two most widely accepted reasons for the festivity are: one, tradition records that on this day the plague stopped. (others maintain that the new students who were ordained after the death of the 24,000 did not die); two, Lag B'Omer is the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai (died 3,881), the author of the *Zohar*. Although according to the *Code of Jewish Law*, a yahrzeit is a day of fasting, nevertheless tradition maintains that Rabbi Shimon requested before his demise that this day be celebrated as a day of festivity. In honor of this request and because we rejoice with the Torah secrets that Rabbi Shimon revealed on his dying day (which are compiled in the work *Adra Zutta)*, this day is known as *Hilula d'Rebbi Shimon Bar Yochai*. *Hilula* either means joy, praise and thanksgiving, or entrance to the *chuppah*, a Kabbalistic euphemism for the day of a tzaddik's death when he enters the Heavenly *chuppah*.

In celebrating the yahrzeit (the main celebration takes place in Meron at the burial site of Rabbi Shimon), memorial candles are lit in synagogues, and others, in honor of the great Kabbalist, extend the symbolism of the memorial candle by lighting huge bonfires which give more public expression of honor.

Since Rabbi Shimon was the author of the *Zohar*, many give their three-year-old sons their *opsherunish*, their very first haircut, at which time they leave the *payos* (sidecurls), as this custom is alluded to in the *Zohar*.

The custom of playing with bows and arrows reminds us of the tradition that during Rabbi Shimon's entire lifetime the (rain)bow was not seen, for its significance, as recorded in the Torah, was not needed due to Rabbi Shimon's great personal piety. Others compare it to the dreidel on Chanukah which acted as a camouflage to the learning of Torah. Similarly, during the time of the Romans, children would go out to the fields and study, but would bring along their bows and arrows and pretend to be so engaged, in case of imminent discovery by the enemy.

This was a fitting day to record Rabbi Shimon's dedication to Torah study despite the personal threats of persecution that he suffered. Many chant the song *Bar Yochai* which was composed in honor of Rabbi Shimon by the Kabbalist Rabbi Shimon Lavie.

Some additional laws and customs: Tachanun is not recited at Shacharit or Mincha; in many places it is not recited at Mincha on Erev Lag B'Omer. Lamnatzeiach is not recited by Sephardim and Chassidei Chabad; most Ashkenazim do recite it. A mourner may daven before the Amud on Lag B'Omer. One should not fast on Lag B'Omer even a taanis yahrzeit. As far as a bride and groom, the stringent opinion holds they should fast. One who is weak may conduct himself according to the lenient opinion. Some maintain that weddings should be deferred to the day of Lag B'Omer; where necessary, poskim permit them on the night of Lag B'Omer especially when Lag B'Omer falls on a Friday. Tzidduk HaDin at burial is recited by Sephardim but not by Ashkenazim unless directly for a talmud chacham. The corresponding law applies to *hespedim* (eulogies). As far as erecting a *matzevah* (the monument), it is preferable to forbid it.

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

During these days between Pesach and Shavuot, it behooves us to resurrect three mitzvahs, so basic that they should be observed by all, so neglected, that they should shock us into shameful repentance.

The death of Rabbi Akivah's students accounts for the mourning observances during this period. Why were 24,000 pious Torah students killed by a plague? The Talmud says, "because they did not treat each other with respect." It is difficult to imagine that these righteous men were unaware of their own rabbi's teaching that "Loving your fellow man as yourself is a great principle of the Torah."

Obviously, the lack of respect manifested was so imperceptible that they themselves were not cognizant of it. But whatever interpretation we give, we must understand that the Almighty exacts sterner punishment from the righteous and when they err even a hairbreath, they are subject to His retribution.

Be that as it may, these days are ripe for reflection on our own conduct in these mitzvahs: honor and respect for parents, for the wise and the elderly, and for our fellow men. Perhaps we and our schools should begin to prioritize the dictum *Derech Eretz kodma l'Torah*, that basic *menschlechkeit* is a fundamental prerequisite for Torah life.

It is true that one is not righteously observing the Torah if he neglects the mitzvahs between man and God, even if he is a super mentsch. It is equally true that one is not righteously observing the Torah if he neglects the mitzvahs between man and his fellow man, even if he scrupulously observes those towards God.

Respect begins at home. The young child, so very impressionable, must be taught the basics of respect for parents. Among the laws enumerated are: listening and obeying immediately; not contradicting parents or contravening their wishes; talking with respect and courtesy; helping with physical needs; rising when parents enter a room; not sitting in a parent's seat; not addressing parents by first names or by you, he, or she; not offending or embarrassing a parent or showing displeasure with their requests. True, the Talmud calls this mitzvah the hardest of all, and we are instructed as parents not to be unreasonable and not to instill unwarranted fear in our children. But we are not our children's "pals," neither are we their peers.

The question of course is, do we as parents act as Jewish role models of respect? If I, as a parent, do not obey my own parents or my Father in Heaven, how can I expect and demand that my children respect me?

All that has been said in regards to parents is to be amplified in regards to respecting teachers and Torah scholars. For as the Talmud says, "your parents brought you into this world, but your teachers and rabbis will enable you to enter the Eternal World."

Man and his fellow man. How beautifully Hillel summed it up — "What is hateful to you do not do unto your fellow man." And conversely, do unto others that which you want others to do to you. How many laws of common decency, respect, honesty, integrity, courtesy — in short — the gamut of menschlechkeit, are mandated by the Torah! They are too numerous to mention here, but among them: not to speak any gossip, harmful or otherwise; not to lie or cheat; not to offend, embarrass, antagonize, or aggravate; not to harm or injure anyone or their property. And on the positive side: to greet all people cheerfully; to be appreciative and to be courteous (please and thank you); to do acts of kindness (comprising a host of mitzvahs); to be caring and sharing and sensitive to another's feelings.

It is necessary to study *Pirkei Avos*, the Ethics of the Fathers, between Pesach and Shavuot and on through the summer. Irving Bunim has written three great volumes entitled *Ethics from Sinai*, an eclectic commentary on these laws of menschlechkeit. Let us resolve to study the "laws of respect" in all areas of life, a fitting prelude to receiving the Torah on Shavuot. And let us remember a teaching of this great work: "Who deserves honor? One who respects and honors others."

(Rabbi Aaron Levine, for 25 years a day school principal and yeshiva dean has authored several books on Jewish law and customs, the most recent being The New Rosh Hashanah Anthology. He is presently engaged full time as a writer and lecturer.)

LAG B'OMER FESTIVITIES

Yemini dancers at Neve Tzedek in Tel Aviv do a traditional Yemini wedding dance in honor of Lag B'Omer. The time between the festival of Pesach and Shavuot is seven weeks. From the second evening of Pesach the days are counted after each day's evening service until the evening before Shavuot—the day that traditionally G-d gave the Jewish people the Torah. The counting is called The Counting of the Omer. During this period weddings are not permitted except on the 33rd day of the Omer—Lag B'Omer. This is because the period is regarded as a time of mourning because of Rabbi Akiva and his 24,000 followers who died during this period as well as many other tragic occurrences in more modern times. It was said that the illness that afflicted Rabbi Akiva's followers stopped on the 33rd day. On this day bonfires are lit all over Israel and many religious Jews make their way to Mt. Meron where the tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai lies, and where many three-year-old boys have their first haircut. [IPPA photo]

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Seeking equality with Catholic system

Congress taking school funding issue to the courts

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO

Canadian Jewish Congress last week formally announced its intention to take the government of Ontario to court to obtain funding for Jewish schools.

"The Jewish community is fed up with the long-standing inequity and unwillingness of any party to adopt a policy" giving Jewish schools government financial assistance, said Murray Segal, chairman of OJAEE, a Congress committee charged with pressing the issue.

Congress lawyers will be filing documents within two months that will claim that Jewish schools are entitled under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to the same funding as Catholic schools, Segal said.

Murray Segal

"We're looking for relief under Sections 2 and 15 of the Charter — the sections that deal with freedom of religion and equality," he said.

Under Ontario law, the province's Catholic schools are entitled to full government funding, though the schools of other religious groups are not.

Segal said Congress lawyers will likely argue that Section 2 rights are being violated by the current practice. To be able to practise one's religion, one must be able to transmit it to children, he said. Since the best way to do so is in an all-day school milieu, and onerous tuition fees remove that option from many parents, the right to religious freedom is being restricted.

"You can't have freedom of religion if one is favored among others," he said.

The other approach Segal said he expects Congress lawyers will take is to argue that the Section 15 equality provision requires that Jews receive the same rights and benefits that Catholics do.

Joining Congress in the legal challenge is the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), which represents 15,000 students in Protestant schools. Each group will have its own legal counsel when the case comes to trial.

Segal said the cost of fully funding independent religious schools would amount to only 1 per cent of the province's entire education budget, or roughly $70 million per year.

Approximately 10,000 students attend Jewish day schools, with tuition reaching as much as $6,000 per student per year. The community subsidizes those parents who cannot meet the steep education costs required to keep their children in day schools.

Responding to the new strategy adopted by Congress and OACS, Education Minister Marion Boyd said the two groups should present their arguments before the legislature's fair tax commission.

"We regret [their decision], because it certainly means we cannot talk about the issue with them," the minister is quoted as saying.

Legal challenge

"I encouraged them to put their position before the fair tax commission. And since your issue is fairness around being tax-payers and not getting the benefit of your tax dollar, you have a ready-made venue in which to make your argument."

But Congress research director Bernie Farber said the Jewish organization disagrees completely with Boyd's statement, asking why a legal challenge would preclude its right to appear before a legislative committee.

"The minister makes it appear that Congress is not being co-operative," he said. "But every minister we've spoken to has suggested to us a dead-end road, and we're fed up with dead-end roads."

Yitz Feldman to be honored

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of Jewish Education of Toronto and from 1979-83 he served as chairman of the board.

Concurrently, Feldman was selected in 1971 as a member of the executive of the regional council of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region. He was acclaimed president of Toronto Jewish Congress from 1983 to 1985 — a testament to his ability to work with all parts of our community.

Feldman has received awards from, among others, Israel Bonds, National Society of Hebrew Day Schools, Toronto Jewish Congress and Eitz Chaim Schools.

Yitz has been married to Bella since 1955, they have three children and seven grandchildren.

The first Hesder Yeshiva came into existence 30 years ago. Students did their military service within the framework of Nahal units of the Bnei Akiva youth movement. Whereas Nahal units divided their time between military training and agricultural work, Hesder students replaced the farming with Judaic studies. The Ministry of Defence gave this arrangement formal recognition, thus creating the official "hesder" (arrangement) between the Yeshivot and the Israel Defence Forces.

It was in the 1973 Yom Kippur War that the Hesder Yeshivot came into their own. Numbering several hundred, the Hesder student-soldiers made up entire units and their mettle was proven in battle.

Hesder units became so highly valued that the IDF requested the yeshivot to send students to become officers. Eighty-five per cent of Hesder soldiers are frontline combat troops. The period of service is four years, and in addition, there are call-ups for service depending on the security situation and the type of unit in which the Hesder soldier serves.

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Haunting photos of Warsaw ghetto set for exhibit

"What sort of world is this?"

— Heinz Jost

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For Heinz Jost, this was no ordinary birthday. It was September 19, 1941 and the young German soldier, a regular *Wehrmacht* sergeant, was thinking of how to celebrate. A hotelkeeper from Langelensheim, Jost was stationed near Warsaw on the east bank of the Vistula River.

With his family back home, Jost bought himself a birthday gift, a camera. With it, he entered the Warsaw ghetto — against orders barring Germans for fear of contagious epidemics — to snap a few souvenir photos.

He was never quite the same person again.

Jost snapped everything he saw in a scant few hours. After taking 129 pictures, he fled the overcrowded ghetto, which teemed with death and disease. "I had invited some comrades to a birthday supper with me that evening," he later wrote. "I don't want to say how I felt during the meal. I lost my appetite. In my letters home, I didn't want to say anything about what I'd seen. I didn't want to upset my family. I thought, 'What sort of world is this?' "

Jost kept his thoughts — and the photographs — to himself for 40 years. It wasn't until the early 1980s that he finally relented and handed the pictures over to *Stern*, the German mass-circulation weekly newsmagazine. Jost died soon after.

Stern never published the pictures. Instead, it sent them to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, which selected 85 of what it considered the best shots and mounted them in a numbing museum exhibit. "A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto" then travelled to Moscow and in 1988, to 20 U.S. cities, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

For the past three years, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem has been working to bring the exhibit to Toronto. On May 16, its efforts will finally bear fruit, when the photos open to the public at the Justina Barnicke Gallery in the University of Toronto's Hart House.

Touted as among the most important photographic exhibits ever to hit town, the pictures offer the viewer a taste of hell. Although he was no professional, Jost's photos have artistic merit. Mainly though, they serve an important documentary role because they were taken not by official SS photographers and propagandists, but by a lone soldier who obviously had some concern and sympathy for his subjects.

These are heart-wrenching images: beggars choke the already-packed sidewalks, carts pick up their daily load of bodies and dump them in mass graves, barefoot children die on the street as others pass them by. The effect is like a sledgehammer's blow between the eyes.

Jost went to no great effort to seek out misery; it surrounded him. The Nazis made sure of that. Prior to the war, Warsaw was Europe's largest Jewish community, numbering some 400,000. The Germans entered the Polish capital on Sept. 28, 1939. A little more than a year later, they set up the ghetto in the city's north, relocated the entire Jewish population and dumped in another 86,000 Jews from surrounding towns and villages. Nearly a half-million souls were packed into a four square kilometer area.

The Germans then created conditions for mass death from starvation. Food and medical supplies were drastically reduced. Disease ran rampant and people fought over the merest scrap of food. In the ghetto's first summer alone, over 15,000 people died of sickness and hunger, 1,800 of them children.

It was under these harrowing conditions Jost took his pictures. But for Polish Jewry, the worst was yet to come.

Already, 1,400 Metro schoolchildren have been booked in to see the photos.

The exhibit, to run until June 13, is a joint effort between the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the National Council of Jewish Women, which will provide volunteers, B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress.

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Developers, residents clash over rental accommodation

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Also because of community demands, Greenbaum said, the building was turned perpendicular to Clark Avenue and the building was moved further back from the street.

To avoid exacerbating the traffic problem, said Greenbaum, and because the city insisted that there be two exits from the apartment building, there would be a right-of-way across the next door synagogue parking lot (Beth Avraham Yoseph), which would filter part of the traffic off Clark Avenue and onto York Hill Boulevard.

This has not been agreed to by the synagogue.

Several questioners demanded to know why previous meetings on the issue had not been advertised. Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of Ohr Somayach, insisted that he himself had delivered flyers to those houses the city informed him were required to be notified, and felt insulted that his integrity in this matter was not accepted.

Most people indicated that they were not opposed to the principle of affordable housing, merely that they felt the density, even the reduced 183 suites, was too high for the existing facilities.

Anti-Orthodox comments were heard throughout the crowd, although not repeated openly during the question period.

Jack Barmak, an organizer of the evening, denied that this was so, saying, "We didn't come to discuss the Jewish aspects of the problem — we weren't there to put down a well-intended project."

Barmak then added that there was bad feeling about "blackmail" being used on synagogue members, to force them to support the project.

He explained the hostility by saying, "People get angry when they are lied to."

Shloime Romberg, chairman of the board of Beth Avraham Yoseph hotly denied the blackmail accusation. He pointed out that he personally supported the idea ("who isn't in favor of affordable housing these days?") and had on behalf of the board of the synagogue urged members to support what was deemed a worthwhile effort. No pressure was exerted on anyone, he said.

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Elected president of student group

Urowitz new head of JSU

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
For University of Toronto bio-medical ethics and religion junior Sara Urowitz, the past academic year has been a true learning experience — and not just in the lecture hall and library stacks.

The 21-year-old vice-president of the Jewish Student Union, who last month was elected as JSU president for the coming school calendar, called 1990-1991 "the most critical time on campus since 1978" when the old St. George Street Hillel House was destroyed in a three-alarm fire.

Jewish students at the U of T have had a year of unprecedented challenges and threats, she said in a recent interview.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict became a frequent theme for polemicists in the pages of the student newspaper The Varisty, she explained.

In one opinion piece which many Jewish students found particularly offensive, Naomi Klein — a self-described radical feminist — accused Israelis of racism and misogyny [CJN Dec. 20].

Following complaints by outraged JSU members, both Klein and The Varsity issued apologies.

Not satisfied, Steve Mayer — chairman of the JSU's political action committee — unsuccessfully called on the paper's staff to sack their editor.

With the election in March of Klein as Varsity features editor for the coming year, Urowitz speculated the paper will continue to give prominent coverage to Palestinian issues.

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While the Gulf War raged, anti-Semitic phone calls became a regular occurence at the JSU building at 604 Spadina Avenue, Urowitz reported. Five bomb threats were made regarding Israel Day, held Jan. 22 in the lobby of the Sidney Smith building. Metro police arrested one student [CJN Jan. 31].

(Shahid Mahmood Mian will appear in court July 2 on a charge of conveying a false message, which carries a two-year maximum sentence.)

In a gesture of solidarity with beleaguered Israel, organizers of the annual celebration refused to evacuate the building.

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With Scuds raining down on Israel causing havoc and destruction, the JSU faced a different threat of homelessness. B'nai Brith Canada — slashing its budget in response to a $3.5-million debt — eliminated its $40,000 support for the organization formerly known as the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation [March 28].

Urowitz said that the house's fate will likely be decided at BBC's national convention, being held June 2-3 at the organization's Downsview headquarters.

Failing negotiations for a bailout from Toronto Jewish Congress, she feared B'nai Brith will sell the property leaving the estimated 4,000 Jewish students at the U of T's main campus without an address or kosher food outlet.

"We want to utilize the house as much as possible — hopefully it will still be there — so people will see the house is not extraneous," Urowitz said.

"We need more than an office at the Bloor JCC."

Having succeeded in getting the U of T's Simcoe Hall administration to postpone the commencement of classes till after Rosh Hashanah, the JSU is planning its own post-orientation week backyard beer bash.

Leah Oko of Albany, N.Y., the JSU's newly-elected vice-president, said she is planning an outreach program to students in residence.

The JSU's Israel Support and Action Coalition (ISAAC) plans to continue its political programming.

(The most recent forum on March 27 saw a fiery faceoff between Meir Halevy of the right-wing fringe Jewish Defence League and Naomi Finkel of the far-left Jewish Women Against the Occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.)

Sara Urowitz

The JSU will also be continuing its Rosh Chodesh women's minyan, a popular innovation instituted in Adar.

Urowitz favors the proposal being bandied about by Toronto Jewish Congress's campus services committee to unify the JSU, the Jewish Student Federation at York U, and the Jewish Student Council which encompasses Scarborough and Seneca Colleges, and Ryerson.

"It would make what we do more efficient. There's a lot of duplication right now," she said.

University years should be a "training ground" for future Jewish leadership, she proposed. "Then, hopefully, we will never be caught in a situation like we're in with B'nai Brith."

Memorial service set for Amoch sisters

TORONTO —
A memorial service to honor Gillah and Amy Amoch will be held Sunday, May 5 at B'nai Torah Synagogue at 7:30.

Gillah, 20, who was studying in Israel, and her sister Amy, 18, on a trip to visit her, were killed in a traffic accident in Israel.

They are buried in Ashdod.

Rabbi Rafael Grossman, senior rabbi of Baron Hirsch Congregation in Memphis, Tenn., and president of the Centre for Life, a support program for grieving parents and siblings will be speaking on "Finding faith: the Jews' eternal challenge."

A practising psychotherapist, certified for critical and grief therapy, he will also be speaking privately to close friends of the Amoch girls before the service.

There will be a display of Gillah's illustrations for young children on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), which will soon be published in Israel.

A media release said that the girls' parents "wish to raise awareness of the slaughter on the roads in Israel, and make known their plans on how to reduce the accident rate."

As well, a scholarship fund will be established in their name to enable students to attend Neve Yerushalayim amd other religious programs in Israel.

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Organizations and People

Volunteer awards presented

TORONTO — Sarah Lipovitch and Elizabeth Feldman-Dejong were among the recipients of this year's North York Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The annual award is presented to 10 individuals in recognition of their outstanding volunteer contributions to the city.

The program is jointly administered by the Volunteer Centre of North York and the City of North York Public Information Office. The program was established in 1984 as a means of acknowledging and encouraging volunteerism in the city.

Elizabeth Feldman-Dejong accepts a Volunteer of the Year Award from North York Mayor Mel Lastman (right) and Ward 4 councillor Frank Di Giorgio. Inset is another winner Sarah Lipovitch.

Feldman-Dejong has been a dedicated volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program at Senior Care since 1980. She was a driver for five years and, since 1987, has expanded her activity to include administrative preparation for delivery three mornings a week plus the important task of the diet count for clients.

In addition, for the past three years, Feldman-Dejong has been a devoted volunteer visitor, bringing her quiet warmth, her empathy and compassion to homebound clients.

As a Holocaust survivor, Feldman-Dejong volunteers with the Holocaust Remembrance Society, lecturing regularly to students about the Holocaust. Last year, she was a speaker at the Anne Frank exhibit at Ontario Place.

Lipovitch, at 16 years of age, has already given significant volunteer time to Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Beth Shalom Synagogue and Baycrest Elementary School.

She has been a dedicated member of the teen volunteer program at Baycrest Centre since she was 13. Her enthusiasm, energy, commitment and co-operation is outstanding.

Lipovitch assists in a variety of programs at Baycrest including garden court, birthday parties, pub night, anything goes club and is a member of the teen council which provides leadership and support.

She has been at Baycrest for three years and has worked over 500 volunteer hours.

At Baycrest Public School, where she serves as a teaching assistant, Lipovitch has been described as a "wonderful addition to the classroom."

She has also made a strong commitment to her religious community. She is an active member of the Beth Shalom youth group and has served on the executive for two years.

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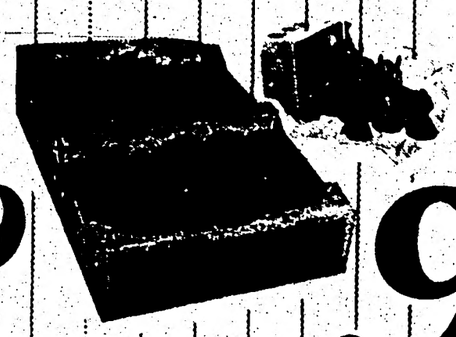

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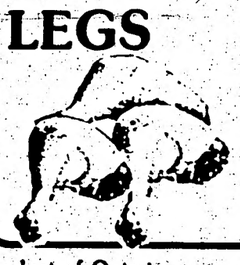

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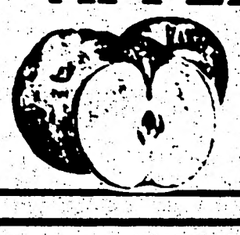

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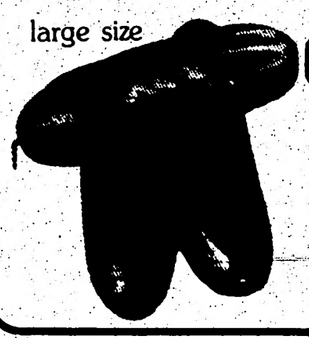

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 2, is the deadline for the May 16 issue, and Thursday, May 9, is deadline for May 23 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Friday, May 3

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM

Congregation Darchei Noam is holding a Friday evening service on May 3 at 7:30 with kiddush following.

The congregation is located at 15 Hove St., side entrance.

Saturday, May 4

MELAVA MALKA

On Saturday, May 4, at 9:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation is presenting world renowned **Cantor Benjamin Muller** of Antwerp, Belgium, in concert, Melava Malka With a European Flavor. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are $25 couples, $15 adults, $9 students and seniors. Call 789-3213 for tickets and further information.

Sunday, May 5

B'NAI BRITH WOMEN'S BAZAAR

Spring into spring with B'nai Brith Women's bazaar on Sunday, May 5. You'll find interesting boutiques, great food, bargains galore, fresh produce, afternoon auction, family entertainment, door prizes (grand prize of $2,000 cash, second prize HQ-VHS video cassette recorder), and lots more!

It all takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. E. Admission is $2.

TREES FOR CANADA — LAG B'OMER

The Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting invites anyone in Scouting or Guiding (full uniforms please) to join in the planting of Trees for Canada and celebrate Lag B'Omer on Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Andrews Park (Toba and Fifeshire near Bayview and Hwy 401).

Bring shovels and pails as well as flags and banners. Refreshments and trees will be provided. A campfire will follow the planting.

For more information, as well as to inform the committee of your participation, contact the chairman **Robert Engel** at 925-3425 days or **Phyllis Denaburg**, observer, Girl Guides of Canada, at 787-2084 evenings.

TEMPLE KOL AMI GARAGE SALE

Temple Kol Ami's first annual giant garage sale takes place Sunday, May 5. This one-day event will feature lots of bargains, refreshments and door prizes. So come out and support this young, vibrant Thornhill congregation.

The time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Kenton Dr. (east of Bathurst, just north of Finch).

BREAKFAST MEETING

Congregation Habonim's Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Ambassador Gideon Saguy** speak on Is Peace Possible in the Middle East Today, Tomorrow, Ever? on Sunday, May 5. Ambassador Saguy was spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry under **Abba Eban** and is a former Israeli consul general in Toronto.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Cost of breakfast and lecture is $5 per person. For reservations, call 787-0527 or 731-0763.

AN EVENING OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM

The Yiddish Culture Council and the Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress are presenting An Evening of Sholem Aleichem on the occasion of his 75th yahrzeit on Sunday, May 5, at 8:30 p.m. at Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

The guest speaker is **Prof. Eugene Orenstein**, to be followed by readings of **Sholem Aleichem's** works by **Julius Sokoloff** and **Ruth Borchiver**.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Toronto Jewish Film Society's presentation on Sunday, May 5, is Jewish Artists on the Screen (Jolson, Cantor, Heifetz, Silver and more).

The screening takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor.

Admission is by membership only. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 154.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society is sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Media Centre.

BALLET AUDITION

The second audition for the Koffler Centre School of Dance's Ballet Project, July 1-Aug. 1, is being held on Sunday, May 5, at 4:30 p.m. in the school's main studio, 4588 Bathurst St.

Twenty intermediate/advanced male and female dancers, ages 15 and over, will be accepted by audition to work under the direction of Russian ballet master **Leonid Lubarsky**.

Call 631-5659 for details.

NCJW GARAGE SALE

Smart shoppers will find lots of bargains at the garage sale sponsored by Yedidot and Orah Branches, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, on Sunday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

The sale will feature clothes, toys, books, household accessories and more.

ORDE ST. PUBLIC SCHOOL

Orde St. Public School is celebrating its 75th anniversary on Sunday, May 5, at the school between noon and 5 p.m.

Several special activities are planned to mark this occasion including official ceremonies, performances by current students and displays of memorabilia.

Also, any items of memorabilia — photographs, old exercise books or report cards, trophies and such — which former students may have in their possession would be appreciated. The contact number is 393-1900.

ANNUAL CHORAL CONCERT

Sephardic melodies from Winnipeg composer **Sid Robinovich's** Mosaic of Jewish Folk Song will be performed at the 65th annual spring concert of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir on Sunday, May 5, at 3 p.m. at Rosedale Heights Secondary School, 711 Bloor St. East.

Sid Robinovich

Robinovich, born in Brandon, Man., holds a doctorate in communications and has taught social sciences at York University, but now devotes all his time to composition.

The Choir's Ensemble Singers will perform three traditional Judea-Spanish songs and one Israeli number from Robinovich's suite. Other works in the program include classical numbers on Jewish themes and excerpts from Toronto composer **Leon Zuckert's** Canadian work Song Suite.

For information call 489-7681 or 789-5502 (business hours). Tickets are $12 regular, $10 seniors, $6 students.

KIDS HELP PHONE AUCTION

Join special guests, musical performers and celebrities on Sunday, May 5, from noon to 4 p.m. as the Canadian Children's Foundation presents the Kids Help Phone Auction '91. The auction takes place at Showline Film Studios, 915 Lakeshore Blvd. (east of Pape).

Every cent raised from this auction goes directly to maintain and expand phone-lines, so more kids in trouble can get help.

Tickets are $12 single ticket, $30 for family of four, free for children under three. Tickets can be purchased at any Ticketron outlet, 872-1212 or at the door.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, May 5, **Chief Fred Plain**, a former grand chief of the Union of Ontario Indians, will be discussing The Rights of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9:30 at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome.

GARAGE SALE

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's JEWEL group (Jewish Educated Women Electing Life) is sponsoring a garage sale on Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 204 Willowbrook Rd. (off Green Lane).

There will be good buys in such items as bicycles, toys, carriages, barbecues and much more.

MENORAH

Harry and Sara Gorman were the recent purchasers of a Torch Bearer menorah, made available by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem as a way to support the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. For information on how to buy a menorah, call (416) 660-6028.

Monday, May 6

KAREN MOCK TO SPEAK

Club Dayan, Na'amat, is presenting the annual Sharon Cole Memorial Lecture on Monday, May 6, when **Karen Mock** of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith will speak on human rights.

The lecture takes place at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Everyone is welcome.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

The Jewish Diabetes Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association is holding a meeting on Monday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The topic, Recent Advances in Diet for Diabetics, will be discussed by guest speaker **Thomas Wolever**, scientific associate director, clinical nutrition, Risk Factor Modification Centre, St. Michael's Hospital. There will also be displays.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact **Esther Schwartz** at 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION SERIES

Shaar Shalom Synagogue's next program in its adult Jewish education series takes place Monday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. (one block north of Steeles at Don Mills Rd.). **Rabbi Martin Lockshin** will be speaking on Christian-Jewish Dialogue: Is It Worth It?.

Cover charge for this lecture is $3.

BRIDES NIGHT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood's Brides Night and general meeting on Monday, May 6, features **Rose Reisman**, author of Brings Home Spa Desserts, Manhattan Desserts and Dessert Scene.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. There is no charge for invited brides and moms. Members charge is $3, non-members $5. For tickets and information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838 or **Paula Frisch** at 886-7688.

ISSUES IN JEWISH LAW

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations continue the joint adult education series on Issues in Jewish Law and Tradition on Monday, May 6, at 8 p.m. when **Rabbi Philip Scheim** will discuss Jewish-Christian Dialogue — Is It a Dead Issue?

The lecture will be held at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Following the lecture, at 9:15 p.m., the Joy of Singing will be presented with Hebrew/Yiddish/English folk and liturgical selections led by **Cantor Moti Zingboim**

CAREGIVER STRESS

A workshop, entitled Caregiver Stress: What Is it? How Can You Deal With It?, for adults who care for or are concerned about a senior citizen, is being offered by the Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto, 22 Wellesley St., E., on Monday, May 6, from 7:15-9:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Call 922-3126 to register.

DEATH AND DIGNITY

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's course on Practical Judaism-A Hands On Approach with **Rabbi Meir Gitlin** continues on Monday, 6, with Death and Dignity — Customs and laws of burial and mourning.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd.

Tuesday, May 7

AN EVENING WITH YVARAL

Alpha Omega Auxiliary and Circle Gallery are presenting An Evening with Yvaral when a private reception with renowned artist **Yvaral Vasserly** will take place on Tuesday, May 7, from 7-9 p.m. at the Circle Gallery, 83 Yorkville Ave.

Couvert is gratis and all proceeds from the evening's sales will go to Dental Volunteers for Israel. Refreshments will be served.

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STUDENT CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, Rosie Sosnowicz (centre) accepts a cheque of more than $3,000 from students of Bialik Hebrew Day School at their recent Passover seder. Presenters include (clockwise) Limore Twena, Hinda Assaraf, Charles Halasi and Alan Moses. The funds were raised through Bialik's Operation Exodus campaign. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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For more information, contact **Wendy Corber** at 665-2950 or **Patti Rotman** at 883-9660.

ABOUT SEXUALITY

On Tuesday, May 7, Chai and Simcha Chapters of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO present The Ins and Outs and Ups and Downs of Sexuality with author/radio and TV talk show personality **Sue Johanson**.

The time is 8 p.m. at Northview Secondary School (Finch and Bathurst). Tickets are $10 and include a Mother's Day gift and refreshments. They are available by calling **Sally** at 636-5812 or 926-6292.

Also, there is a boutique which opens at 7:15 p.m.

BB LODGE LA FRATERNITE

B'nai Brith Lodge La Fraternite is holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The topic will be L'Islam. All proceedings are in French.

For more information, call 255-6086.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

On Tuesday, May 7, BAYT Sisterhood (Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto) is presenting a pre-Shavuoth demonstration with **Daniel Barg** of Daniel's Kitchen.

The time is 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall of the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. Thornhill. For information, call the synagogue office at 886-3810.

LECTURE AND DISCUSSION GROUP

A Tuesday morning enrichment lecture and discussion group meets at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the board room from 9:45-11:30 a.m., weekly through June.

The May 7 session features **Daisy Benchimol**, program director, Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry (CAEJ) who will present a slide presentation and discussion on Ethiopian Jewry.

Excellent babysitting is available from 9:30 a.m. For information, call **Rhonda** at 633-3812.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Healthy Lifestyles for the '90s is the topic of the Canadian Diabetes Association seminar on Tuesday, May 7, at the Radisson Hotel-Don Valley, 1250 Eglinton Ave. E.

Dr. B. Zinman, professor of medicine, University of Toronto, will speak on Exercise and Diabetes: Therapeutic Implications, and **Janet Eno** of the Association national office will discuss Living with Diabetes: A Personal Journey.

Registration and viewing of displays is at 6:30 p.m., branch meeting business at 7 and the seminar from 8-10. Admittance is free but space is limited. Call 488-8871 to register.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel Part II, Chapters X and XI with lecturer **Dr. Arnold Clairman** on Tuesday, May 7.

The group meets from 8-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto will be meeting on Tuesday, May 7, when **Orville Endicott**, co-chairman, Ontario Advocacy Coalition, legal counsel for Canadian Association for Community Living, will speak on Advocacy, Guardianship and Substitute Decision Making — An Important New Legislative Approach.

The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

LIVING WITH CANCER

Living with Cancer meetings, sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society Willowdale Unit, are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Willowdale Unit, 6075 Yonge St., 4th floor. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7.

For more information, call 226-0646.

Wednesday, May 8

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto invites you to the workshop for the Baycrest Project on Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For information, call **Evelyn Jacobs** at 731-6160.

HERESY IN JEWISH LIFE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education committee's series on Heresy in Jewish Life with **Prof. Moshe Sherman** continues on Wednesday, May 8, with Messianism: The Experience of Shabbetai Zvi.

The lecture begins at 8 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. For further information, call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

AIDS SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS committee has organized ongoing support groups for HIV positive Jewish men, Jewish women and those who are close to them.

The next meeting for Jewish men will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at 519 Church St. Community Centre. This group will continue to meet every other Wednesday.

For further information on all groups, call **Hyla** at 698-4931. Confidentiality is assured.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Mom's Morning Out is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 at Shaareh Haim Synagogue house, 9711 Bayview Ave.

The speaker on May 8 will be **Evelyn Keshassy** whose topic will be Jews in Ethiopia.

Babysitting is provided. RSVP to **Joni Richardson** at 764-9243 or **Jo-Anne Ross Freeman** at 886-2153.

Thursday, May 9

CHAT AND & TORONTO BLUE JAYS

CHAT's (Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto) major fund raiser this year is an exciting event to be held on Thursday, May 9, at the Skydome. It is An Evening With CHAT and the Toronto Blue Jays vs Chicago White Sox.

The purchase of each $100 ticket will also give you the chance to win many prizes — a chance to throw the first pitch, a weekend for two to New York to see the Blue Jays vs. the New York Yankees, skybox tickets to see Blue Jay games, and various other prizes.

A $65 tax receipt will be issued. There will be a pre-game reception, a box supper, and your name will be listed in a CHAT Commemorative Booklet.

For tickets and information, call the school at 636-5984.

3 SIDES OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE

Three Sides of the Soviet Empire — Justice, Jewish Survival and Economic Collapse is the topic of the Thursday, May 9, meeting sponsored by Toronto Eglinton Lodge of B'nai Brith and the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

Speakers are **Bert Raphael**, chairman, Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, (Pitfalls of the Soviet Legal System); **Randi Zlotnik** and **Lynn Kirshin**, members of the 1990 CJLSA Soviet mission (What We Can Do For Our Jewish Sisters and Brothers) and **Henry Moos**, vice-president Toronto Eglinton Lodge (Signs and Symtoms of a Failing Economy). Moderator is **Paul Marcus**, national director, Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada.

The time is 7:45 p.m. at the Charles Goldlust B'nai Brith Human Rights Centre, 15 Hove St. Admission is free. Call 633-6224 for further information.

HALACHA IN THE MODERN WORLD

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham's course, The Times Are A Changin': Halacha in the Modern World with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** continues on Thursday, May 9, with Test Tube Babies.

Lecture begins at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB

CTV national news correspondent **Pamela Wallin** will be the guest speaker at the spring luncheon and annual meeting of the Women's Canadian Club of Toronto on Thursday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom.

For ticket information, call 923-2900.

And What Else Is New...

WEISFELD MEMORIAL LECTURES

The weekend of May 4-5, the Moshe J. Weisfeld Annual Memorial Lectures at Beth Tzedec Congregation will be given by **Prof. Nahum Sarna** of Brandeis University.

On Saturday, May 4, Prof. Sarna will deliver a pulpit lecture, Kiddush Hashem, at 10:30 a.m. and a noon lecture on Translating the Bible Through the Ages. On Sunday, he will speak at the Men's Breakfast Club meeting at 10 a.m. on Rashi: Supreme Bible Commentator.

The public is cordially invited and admission is free (a nominal charge for breakfast).

CONSERVATIVE SISTERHOODS

Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism is holding its spring conference 1991 on Monday and Tuesday, May 13 and 14 at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. The theme of this year's conference is Truth, Justice and Peace— The Whole Woman of the '90s.

The consultant speaker will be **Elaine Ravich**, national Torah Fund Patrons Society chairman of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. On Monday evening, at the gala dinner and celebration of Ontario Branch's 35th anniversary, the guest speaker will be **Patrica Rucker**, editor of The Canadian Jewish News.

For reservations or further information, call conference co-chairmen **Sonia Slobodsky** at 226-1831 or **Suzanne Agasee** at 635-6800 or treasurer **Lil Glick** at 635-6659.

MARRIAGE EDUCATION SEMINAR

An inter-active seminar for engaged couples, a joint project of the Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Marriage Education Committee, will explore the traditional approach to Jewish marriage.

It will take place on Monday evenings at 7:30 from May 13-June 10 (second session on Wednesday, May 22) at the JCC North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. The cost for the series of five sessions is $60. Advance registration is required. For information and registration, call 631-5660.

A WEEKEND OF STUDY

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting a weekend of study with **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich**, Seminary of Judaic Studies, Jerusalem, May 3-5.

The weekend begins Friday, May 3, at 8:30 p.m. with From Mourning to Renewal: Reflections on Ruth, and continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. with the Shabbat morning sermon and at 7:30 p.m. (prior to Mincha services) with Tzedakah: The Art of Being a Caregiver. On Sunday, there will be a breakfast lecture at 9:30 on Rekindling the Zionist Vision: Myths and Realities.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Ohr Somayach/JEP of Thornhill's Women's Studies Program will once again mark Rosh Chodesh with a luncheon and speaker on Tuesday, May 14. **Cynthia Gasner**, columnist and journalist, will speak on Women in Transition, Changes and Challenges.

The luncheon will begin promptly at 1 p.m. at 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. The cost is $15 per person. Babysitting is available at no extra charge. Please call in your reservations by May 9. Hurry, as seating is limited. Call 886-5730 and speak to **Jill** or **Michelle**.

PROJECT CLOTHESLINE

Due to the overwhelming response to Project Clothesline, the warehouse is overflowing with clothing and some catch-up time is needed before more clothes can be accepted. Accordingly, please note that with the exception of Nachon's special event on Sunday, May 5, no clothing will be collected until the end of May.

Another reason for a pause in the collection is the continual shortage of funds to cover shipping costs. Forest Hill Lions Club has made a substantial financial contribution and the project committee hopes other groups and individuals will follow suit. Tax deductible receipts are given for all checks made out to ZOC Charitable Fund, 788 Marlee Ave., Toronto, M6B 3K1.

Also, volunteer assistance is needed — packing the clothes for shipping or picking up clothes for those unable to deliver them to the warehouse at 70 Wingold Ave. Leave a message at 223-0630 if you can help.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At Beth Tzedec Congregation's Shabbat Study Luncheon on May 11, guest speaker **Dr. Cyril Press**, a South African native, will discuss South Africa After Mandela's Return.

The luncheon takes place at noon following services. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Tuesday, May 7. Unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. Call 781-3511.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Twenty-three years ago the grandparents and parents of today's teenagers and school children

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CRAFT AND GIFT SHOW

A boutique style craft and gift show, sponsored by Beersheba Club, Na'amat, is taking place Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Goulding Community Centre, 45 Goulding Ave. Proceeds will go to child care and education. Seen above are three of the participating artisans/craftspeople (from left) Len Chodirker (glass and stone sculpture), Tina Witt (miniature apple/soft sculpture dolls), and Higinia Natoli (Peruvian folk art, jewelry, appliqued T-shirts, wall hanging). For further information, contact Malka Mirsky, 633-6538 evenings, or 636-5425 days. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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What's New

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gathered together to launch the first UJA Walk. On Sunday, June 2, this tradition will be continued by a new group of walkers.

The week of April 22 marked the beginning of the school recruitment process when over 50 members of the Day and Supplementary School Recruitment Committee began to contact the 16,000 students in Toronto's Jewish school systems and various Heritage Language programs in North York. Presentations comprise of briefings on Soviet Jewry aliya and the movement of Jews from other countries to Israel, and a video which captures the theme of this year's Walkathon, 1991 The Journey Home, followed by discussion and a question and answer period.

The committee chairmen are **Rochelle Meister-Diamond, Jodi Gottesman** and **Lori Ulmer**.

For further information or to arrange for a presentation, call the Walk-Line at 635-2883, ext. 190.

SCULPTURE COURSE

Do you want to sculpt? Has the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art got a course for you!

Whether you want to sculpt by hand or with electric tools, both day and evening classes are available. And if stone is not your thing, there's still room in the painting, drawing and ceramic classes.

Call 636-2145.

FAMILY LIFE WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following Family Life workshops—

Mid-Life Separation and Divorce — Finding oneself alone after many years of marriage can be devastating. This group will discuss coping with change, finding one's own identity, and letting go of the past (beginning May 28 for six weeks).

One Marriage-Two Religions — A group for engaged and/or married couples from different religions (beginning May 21 for six weeks).

Losing a Parent as an Adult — The impact of parental loss on an adult can be devastating. By exploring and understanding the the grief process, participants will move through the stage of feeling like an orphan to one of acceptance and growth.

Looking Ahead — A group for separated or divorced people to discuss living alone again, being a part-time parent, separating from the past and moving forward (beginning May 7 for six weeks).

Anyone interested in these programs or in working with the Family Life Education Department to plan your own programs, call **Pat** at 638-7800, ext. 215. Workshop fees are $40 per person and scholarships are available.

GOULDING TINY TOTS

Goulding Tiny Tots at the Goulding Community Centre (Hilda and Goulding) is now taking registration for fall 1991. The program, for ages 2½-4, runs three afternoons a week. Activities include arts and crafts, alphabet and numerical fun, movement to music, games, stories, special guests, snacks and outdoor activities.

Goulding Tiny Tots is part of North York Parks and Recreation programming. For further information, call **Barb** at 229-1804 or **Randi** at 221-6814.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEENS

Each summer, teens join Baycrest Centre Volunteen Program. As a volunteen you will be involved in special outings, barbecues, fitness, swimming and many other recreational programs. There is something for everyone.

A volunteen must be 13-17 years of age and enjoy having a good time. For more information, call **Andrew Kenedy**, volunteen coordinator, at 785-2850.

ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is offering a variety of art classes for children this summer as well as home improvement courses in May for adults.

For more information on these and other Art Gallery of Hamilton courses, contact **Kathy Eber**, community relations manager, at 527-6610 in Hamilton.

ALZHEIMER VOLUNTEERS

Why not give the most meaningful gift possible - the gift of life. The Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto is looking for volunteers who can work with special events that provide funds for research, drivers for pick-ups and deliveries, work with displays at health fairs, and some in-office help. Training is provided when necessary.

If you can spare some of your valuable time, call **Irene Borins** at the Alzheimer Society for Metropolitan Toronto at 966-0700. Your support is needed.

ARE YOU OVER 65?

Are you over age 65 and depressed? Do you have an elderly relative who currently suffers from feelings of hopelessness, sleeping problems, lack of energy and motivation?

Dr. Allan Steingart

Baycrest Centre is seeking elderly volunteers to participate in a study to compare the effectiveness of different treatments for depression. Elderly people who volunteer for the study and meet the right criteria will be treated for depression at Baycrest's psychiatric day hospital, 3560 Bathurst St.

For more information, call **Dr. Allan Steingart** at 789-5131, ext. 2449.

for seniors

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include a Mother's Day dinner and dance Sunday, May 12 ($15 members only); a Buffalo shopping tour with full course dinner at the Buffalo Jewish Community Centre on Tuesday, May 28; bus run to Kitchener on Wednesday, June 19 ($16 members only); Catskills trip to Pines Hotel July 7-14 ($775 Canadian eight days, $575 six days)...Ongoing activities in conjunction with North York Board of Education are bridge, ballroom and line dancing, fitness and tai chi. Other activities include shuffleboard, rummycube, woodwork crafts, walk-in-the park, Saturday evening dances. For information, call the club office at 636-7856.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 is holding a musicalle luncheon on Tuesday, May 7, with guest singer **Milka Kanev**. The time is 12:30 p.m. The cost is $7.50. Reserve early by calling 781-3511.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30. The May 8 meeting features the movie, Samson and Delilah. For further information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Club Chaverim meets on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 for bingo and cards at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

May highlights at **Shalom Village**, 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton, include — Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m., drive to Niagara Falls and picnic lunch (in case of rain, trip to art gallery); Tuesday, May 7, at 2 p.m., speaker **Claire Mandell**, director of Jewish Community Centre; Saturday, May 11, at 10 a.m., Shabbat in the Garden Lounge; Wednesday, May 15, at 2 p.m., entertainment by **George Frank**; Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m., Simcha Sunday celebrating birthdays of **Nellie Brown** and **Cecilia Fines** with entertainment by **Nathan Garnick** and the Heritage Players; Wednesday, May 29, fit day (join the bubbie workout)...Ongoing programs are fun fit, line dancing, afternoon drives and crafts with **Zelda**. For information, call **Susi Mills** at 528-5377 in Hamilton.

The Social Group at 4266 Bathurst St., celebrated Israel's 43rd anniversary at a lovely evening arranged by social chairman **Katie Kideckel** and volunteers **Ann Soren, Rae Fergus, Gert Gross, Freda Lichtenstein, Bernice Liddiart** and **Joe Soren**. **Dora Posluns** brought in a Russian choir conducted by **Bella Shternberg** accompanied by a pianist from Accord Royale Agency.

LZA Seniors Club ongoing activities include everyday "vochadik" activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. of cards, checkers, chess and shuffleboard with light lunches; a weekly discussion group with guest speakers on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon with light refreshments; the dance group on Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. under the chairmanship of **Libby Kafka** and directed by **Millie Cass** of the Chai Dancers; regular shuffleboard on Thursday evenings. Upcoming trips are planned to Los Angeles, San Francisco and the Pacific coast leaving May 27 (a few seats are left, call 638-0172 or 630-9444); to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, first bus leaving July 21 (filled), second bus leaving two days later, and a boat cruise later on...LZA Seniors is grateful to all members and non-members who helped send an ambulance to Tel Aviv. **Harry Weinstock** headed the drive.

A reminder that seniors in North York can order take-out meals from the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. You can have a full home-cooked meal for only $7, except Friday when dinner is $9 (both prices include GST). Meals can be prepared salt-free, bland, diabetic or regular. To order your meal, purchase your ticket at the Wagman Centre and bring it to the Food Services office. Meal tickets must be purchased one day in advance. In addition, take-out frozen entree meals, soups in two-litre containers, kugels, noodle and potato, are available. Just come and pick them up. If you have any questions, contact **Sharon Bizouati** at 785-2430.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding a Mother's Day luncheon on Monday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. with guest artist **Lenka Lichtenberg**. The travelogue series with slides and lectures by **Larry Noble** every other Monday at 1 p.m. will begin in the near future. Ongoing activities continue...A trip to Israel is arranged for Nov. 13-Dec. 4 and the Catskill trip at the Homowack Hotel is set for July 10-18. Also, a Muskoka cruise and theatre combination is being planned for sometime in August. For information on all programs and trips, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors has arranged a trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel Aug. 4-13 for only $890 Canadian. Partners are available. The sooner you put down a deposit, the better seat you will have. Call **Manny** at 633-7463 from 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343 from 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m...Also, a two-week tour to Israel is set for June 3-17 at a cost of $1,995 Canadian. For information on this trip, call Helen at above numbers.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre's support groups begin new sessions this month — Successful Slimming with nutritionist/dietician **Paula Ruch** on Mondays from noon-1 p.m. on May, 6, 13, 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24; Stress Reduction Workshop with public health nurse **Sandra Fujino** on Mondays from 3-4:30, May 6, 13, 27 and June 3 (register with **Sandra** at the Wellness desk or call 225-2112).

Wellness Centre educational programs include Creative Living in the '90s — Living to the Fullest with family life educator **Eleanor Miller** on Wednesdays from 1:30-3 p.m., May 8, 15, 22 and 29. (register with **Sandra** at the Wellness desk, space is limited!); Be Good to Your Heart, an eight-week program with public health nurse **Sandra McMillan** (watch for new dates and times); Back Care Workshop on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m., May 7, 14, and 21.

A health lecture on Dental Health for Seniors with **Linda Theodordis**, a dental educator from North York Public Health Department, takes place Thursday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m.

Two theatre outings for members only are arranged this month — Carousel at Stratford Festival Theatre on Monday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at a cost of $27 (bring your own lunch), and the National Ballet of Canada's Sleeping Beauty at O'Keefe Centre on Tuesday, May 14, at 2 p.m. at a cost of $16 (everyone is responsible for their own transportation). Tickets for these trips are on sale at the information desk. For further information, call volunteer **Barbara Zigler** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

Registration for summer camp at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is now taking place. Call **Florence** at 924-6211 for further information.

the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11 at the Valley. The cost is $3 per session. For more information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer camp program for ages 5-12 is now being accepted. The two-week sessions begin July 2. Activities include tennis and swim lessons and more. Call **Luni** at 889-0813 for more information.

The NE Valley Young Russian Jewish Adult Committee, in conjunction with the Sephardic Youth Alliance, invites you to a lecture on The After Effects of the War on the Middle East with **Prof. David Goldberg** on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 206. Admission is free. For more information, call **Luni** at 889-0813 or **Burt Serfaty** at 636-1880.

Connections (35-50) is holding a house party on Saturday, May 11. To reserve and for more information, call **Sonia** at 881-5183.

Join the Twentysomething Uptowners Downtowners Club on Sunday, May 12, for brunch and theatre. Brunch is at the JCC Bloor Y at 11:30 a.m. Reservations and payment must be made by Thursday, May 9. For more information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) General Meeting and Meet and Greet Night, May 5th, 7:30pm, in the Beth Tikvah Boardroom. Refreshments. $8.00. 882-9057. 4738

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Singles Blue Jay Party at **Pete and Marty's** (160 Eglinton Ave. East). Sunday, May 5th, 8:00pm. Door prize- Blue Jay tickets. Cover $10.00. For more information call **222-7111**. 4708

The Bloor Y Branch of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto presents a **Fling Into Spring** singles dance on **Sunday May 5**, 1991 at 7:00pm. Join us for Dancing, DJ, Buffet, Cash Bar at **750 Spadina Ave.** at Spadina subway. In the Auditorium. Admission $10.00 in advance and at the door. For more information call Nurit at 924-6211. 4693

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) upcoming events: **Sunday Brunch**on Sunday, May 5th. 11:30am. Cost $6.00. Fanny Greenspoon Room. **Speaker, Israeli Consul General Benjamin Abileah. Topic "After Desert Storm, Then What? The Middle Eastern Scene". Reservations** must be in by Thursday, **May 2nd**. For further information please speak with Rabbi Sheldon Korn. 635-5340. 4479

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Twentysomething (24-35), Uptowners/ **Downtowners** Club. Join us on Sunday, May 12th for **Brunch and the Theatre**. Brunch at the Bloor 'Y', 750 Spadina Avenue, 11:30am. Cost $20.00. Reservations and payment must be made by May 8th. Call Luni at 889-0813 for more information. 4766

"Vaudevillians"

The New Image 50 Plus is proud to present this talented group who have performed all over, including some major T.V. shows. Sunday, May 5th at Earl Bales Community Centre. $2.00 members, $3.00 guests. Meeting starts at 8:30pm, entertainment and refreshments to follow. Come and enjoy!
9 day Catskill trip, call Helen 633-0397. 4599

SECOND GENERATION ARRIVES

Moe and Gussie Starr remember accompanying their elderly mothers, the late Becky Seligman and Rose Starr, to help them move into Baycrest Centre's brand new apartment residence, the Terrace 15 years ago. Now 15 years later, the Starrs themselves have moved into their own apartment there. They are the first "second generation" residents to live at the Terrace.

Organizations and People

Nita Goldband acquitted

Crown drops charges against NCJW

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

All election expenses charges against the National Council of Jewish Women Toronto Section and against a separate charitable foundation related to the NCJW have been withdrawn.

The NCJW Toronto Section and the foundation were charged with making improper political donations in connection with the Patti Starr affair.

Crown attorney James Ramsay told The CJN that he has dropped two counts of violating the Election Finances Act against the NCJW Toronto Section and 24 counts against the NCJW Toronto Section Charitable Foundation.

(The CJN incorrectly reported last week that the NCJW Toronto Section was charged with all 26 counts).

Also last week, former Toronto Section executive Nita Goldband was acquitted of one charge of aiding and abetting an improper political donation.

Goldband was charged with the offense in connection with the fund-raising scandal surrounding Starr.

The charge alleged that Goldband aided and abetted an excessive contribution to the York Mills Liberal riding association during the 1987 provincial election campaign.

Court heard that the association received a cheque for $1,500, from 4700 Bathurst Street, which is the headquarters of the NCJW Toronto Section.

Under the act, the maximum allowable political donation from individuals, corporations or trade unions is $750.

The cheque had two signatures, Goldband's and Starr's.

But Judge John Kerr agreed with arguments from Goldband's lawyer that she did not know the contribution was improper.

Goldband, Starr and NCJW Toronto Section member Lesley Miller formed the separate charitable foundation. Starr had sole signing authority over the foundation's affairs.

All three were banned for life from the NCJW in 1989.

Starr has been found guilty of eight counts of violating provincial expenses laws. The maximum penalty is $1,000 on each count. She will be sentenced July 4.

One of the charges to which Starr pleaded guilty was aiding and abetting an excessive contribution to the York Mills Liberal riding association.

Starr still faces 11 counts of fraud, breach of trust and uttering forged documents.

She will appear in court May 29 for a pre-trial hearing.

Women's conference set

TORONTO —

The Ontario Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will hold its 35th gala anniversary spring conference on May 13-14 at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

The theme of the conference will be Truth, Justice and Peace, The Whole Woman of the '90s.

Elaine Ravich, chairman of the National Torah Fund Patrons Society, will deliver the keynote address, while guest speaker will be Patricia Rucker, editor of The Canadian Jewish News.

Ravich has been active on the Jewish communal scene since 1961 when her family joined Temple Beth O'r in Clark, NJ. She has been president of her sisterhood and her congregation.

Her many Branch activities include the BLP chairmanship, Torah Fund vice-president, recording secretary and Central New Jersey Branch president.

Rosh Hodesh services will be held Tuesday morning and there will be a hearing impaired workshop and media action workshop.

At the Torah Fund luncheon, Esther Goodbaum of Beth Sholom Synagogue will be honored. The video presentation, which is the newest from the Jewish Theological Seminary, The Highest Commandment, will be shown at the luncheon.

To register or for further information, call conference co-chairmen Sonia Slobodsky at 226-1831, Suzanne Agasee at 635-6800 or treasurer Lil Glick at 635-6659.

Nahon plans clothing drive to aid Ethiopian, Soviet olim

TORONTO —

The NAHON Jewish students' organization is holding a clothing drive on behalf of Ethiopian and Soviet olim.

On Sunday May 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., students from a variety of Jewish youth groups will take over the main lobby of the Jewish Community Centre's Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., to collect clothing and pack parcels to be sent to Israel.

NAHON spokesman Uri Etigson said a number of Jewish youth groups will participate in the drive, including NCSY, Hashomer Hatzair, Bnei Akiva, Nelfty (Temple youth) and Young Judaea.

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Executive members of the Cape Breton Jewish Club include (from left) Dr. Samuel Newman, vice-president; Dr. Philip Simon, president; Lisa Green, secretary; and Dr. M.S. Epstein, treasurer.

First of many activities

Cape Breton Jews hold reunion

TORONTO — The first reunion of Cape Breton Jews living in the Toronto area was held recently as the Cape Breton Jewish Club held its first function.

There was an air of excitement as over 200 people arrived at the Earl Bales Community Centre with the anticipation of meeting friends and neighbors they had not seen for many years.

Three generations of former residents of Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford and Whitney Pier were filled with joy and emotion as they greeted each other. People also came from Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Michigan for the event.

Irvin Sherman hosted a program featuring remarks from club president Dr. Phil Simon, Rabbi M. Kirshenblatt, who served in the Glace Bay congregation for 10 years, and Dr. A.A. (Bucky) Epstein, who gave a brief history of the origin of the Jewish community.

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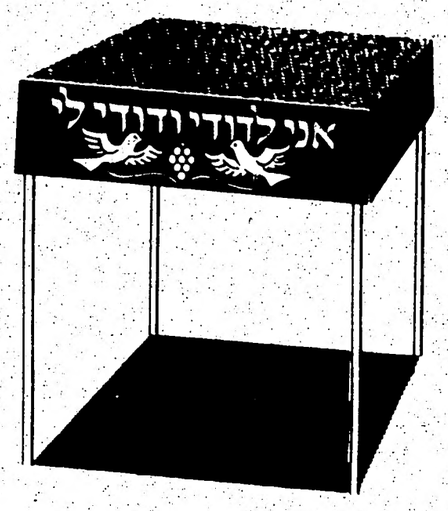

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Organizations and People

Screening candidates for tour

Otzma on track for Israel program

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
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That's what Jerry Fisher of Toronto Jewish Congress would like to say about Project Otzma, a Council of Jewish Federations-sponsored young leadership development program in which TJC (the CJF's local constituent) has been involved since the training course's inception in 1986.

Fisher, who heads TJC's human resources development efforts, says Otzma — Hebrew for strength — is "the best, most substantial all-round Israel program sponsored anywhere."

TJC sent three of the 63 Canadian and American young adults, aged 18 to 24, who left on last August's 10½-month odyssey.

But the program was suspended in January on the eve of the deadline of the United Nations' resolution for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait. Participants were encouraged to leave the country.

Though subsequently reinstituted, the war left Otzma's future under a cloud, says Fisher. Only now are candidates being screened for the 1991-1992 tour of duty.

The deadline, he explains, has been extended one month to May 31 "because many of the communities found themselves in an ambivalent situation stemming from the Gulf War and financial concerns."

TJC Otzma participants (from left) Zoe Klein, Simeon Olsberg and Laura Jacob.

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Interspersed are 60 days of touring and high-level seminars, as well as one-week vacations during Chanukah and Passover.

"This is not make-work," stresses Fisher. Nor is the program an easy one to finish. But precisely for that reason participants find it so rewarding, he adds.

Otzma-niks "assume para-professional positions. These kids come back knowing Israel in a very different way."

Co-sponsored in Israel by the Israel Forum and the World Zionist Organization, Otzma members are adopted by families who "provide an opportunity for social networking that would otherwise be impossible at this level," he notes.

The cost of the highly subsidized program is $1,000 (U.S.) which includes airfare, room and board, and pocket money. Applicants must live in Toronto or demonstrate their intention to reside there upon graduation.

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Guest speaker for the evening is Meir Rosenne, chief executive officer, Development Corporation for Israel and former Israeli ambassador to the United States. Featured guest artist is Theodore Bikel. Evening chairman is James A. Pattison, CEO of the Jim Pattison Group Inc.

The evening marks the establishment of the Abe Gray Chair in Business Administration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The endowed Chair will further teaching and research in this discipline as well as encourage the training of talented business professionals and entrepreneurs in Israel.

Gray was born and raised in Winnipeg. He served as a navigator during the Second World War and settled in Vancouver in 1948.

Gray is a past director of the State of Israel Bonds organization, United Jewish Appeal, and Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. He is a supporter of Vancouver's cultural institutions.

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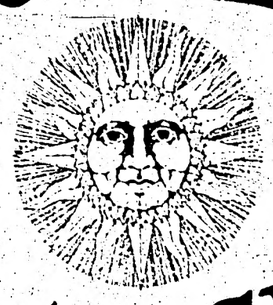

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Organizations and People

Abileah hosts reception to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

In an atmosphere of joy and solidarity, more than 600 guests celebrated Israel's 43rd Independence Day at a "freiliche" reception hosted by Israel's Consul-General Benjamin Abileah and his wife Ruth at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel.

With greetings of "chag someach," leaders of the Jewish and secular communities were greeted at the entrance of the Empress Room by the consul-general and his wife. Also in the receiving line were Benjamin Noy, Israel trade commissioner, Oren David, consul of Israel, and Yehuda Shen, consul for tourism.

Setting the mood for the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, the ladies were presented with carnations grown in Israel and imported to Canada.

Israeli and Canadian flags were in the background as Jewish and Christian clergymen, diplomats, politicians, people from the travel industry, airline companies, business community, communal leaders and representatives of Jewish organizations sipped Israeli wines and toasted the State of Israel.

Munching on refreshments set out attractively by catering manager Michael Rosen and his staff — many imported from Israel including pretzels, olives, pickles, chocolates and halvah — the banquet hall buzzed with animated discussions, many in Hebrew.

In a brief ceremony, the consul-general toasted the government and people of Canada and Elaine Ziemba, Ontario's minister of citizenship, brought greetings from Premier Bob Rae. She then toasted the State of Israel and its people.

Earlier in the day, the premier and Ziemba hosted a reception at the Ontario legislature in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

Consul-General Abileah told The CJN that all the Yom Ha'Atzmaut events this year "were celebrated with great enthusiasm and high spirit, no doubt expressing relief after the danger Israel faced during the Gulf War and sharing Israel's joy with the historic aliya this year."

Israeli flavor

He said it was "gratifying to see the mix of Canadian society from many walks of life and fields of endeavor who came to this official reception. Their presence denotes the wide range of activities and contacts of the consulate."

The consul-general expressed regret that "on such occasions it is not possible to invite all those who devotedly work for Israel year-round and we are limited to inviting representatives only of organizations and groups."

Adding a special Israeli flavor to the celebration were four Israeli soldiers who were guests of honor and participated in the recent dinner of the Toronto branch of the Association for Soldiers of Israel.

Naval officer Lieut. Tomer Gonen, who serves in a helicopter unit responsible for the detection of infiltrators told The CJN that "in the community of Toronto, there is so much loving for Israel — there is so much concern for the Israeli soldiers and we appreciate it very, very much." He spoke glowingly of his tour of the city, highlighted by visits to several day schools, the Baycrest Centre and the Jewish Community Centre.

Irving Matlow, the past president of the Association for Soldiers of Israel spoke about the prospects of peace in the Middle East. "Most people hope that the choices for peace have been improved because of recent developments and hopefully peace will be achieved in our lifetime."

Some of the politicians and government representatives at the celebration included: Vernon Turner, former ambassador of Canada to Israel; Toronto's Mayor Art Eggleton; Metro Chairman Alan Tonks; Etobicoke Mayor Bruce Sinclair; Norman Gardner, a member of the Metropolitan Toronto Council; Metro's Chief of Police William McCormack; chief of protocol, Gabrielle Kirschbaum; members of Parliament Bob Kaplan and Jim Peterson; and MPPs Eleanor Caplan and Monty Kwinter.

Having a le chaim with Consul General Benjamin Abileah and his wife Ruth at the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at the Park Plaza Hotel are Lt. Tomer Gonen of the Israeli Navy and Lieut. Or-Hof of the Engineer Corps.

Consul-General Benjamin Abileah (left) with hsi wife Ruth enjoy a few words with former ambassador of Canada to Israel, Vernon Turner and his wife at the 43rd Independence Day celebration.

Discrimination meet

TORONTO —

Representatives from colleges and universities across Ontario gathered at London's Fanshawe College April 29 to May 1, to examine race and gender discrimination in the post-secondary education system.

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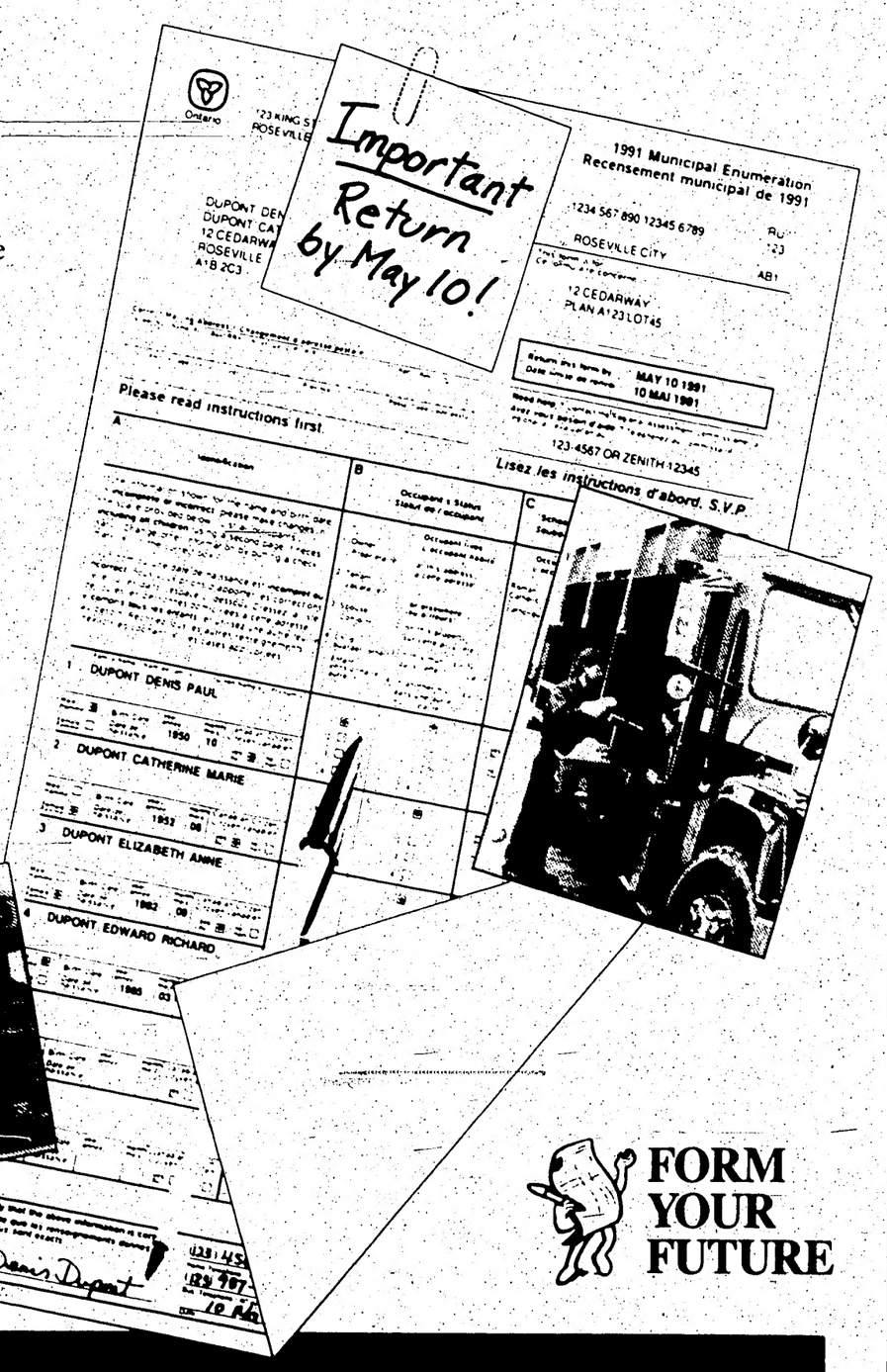

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

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Lawrie Cherniak from **Just Travel** in Thornhill was on hand telling all about his new Israel-Spain package that he's doing with Iberia, the Spanish airline. Iberia has just started flights to Israel from Toronto and Montreal.

The tours include a Jewish Heritage tour of Spain and Cherniak said his company has been working closely with Mundi Color, Spain's largest land operator, to tailor-make tours that would highlight interests for Jews.

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One interesting aspect of the show was the large contingent representing Quebec, its first appearance at the show.

Ontario was well represented, as was just about everyone in the world it seemed. The Americans, of course, were also on hand, representing such diverse places as Olean, N.Y., Lexington, Ky., Bennington, Vt. and Brownsville, Tex.

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Good news if you're going to Hong Kong this year. **The Jewish Club** in that bustling city has introduced a seasonal Chinese menu in its premier restaurant, **The King David Room.**

Prepared under the supervision of the resident mashgiach, **Rabbi Reuben Abraham,** the menu offers a selection of seasonal and popular Chinese dishes. Menu specialties include such items as the famous Peking Duck.

Temporary membership of the Jewish Club is available to all Jewish visitors to Hong Kong. Applications may be made in person at the club reception.

For more information contact The Jewish Club at 4F Melbourne Plaza, Queens Road, Central Hong Kong.

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For those of you who have always wondered what it must have been like for the pioneers, Vermont has the answer.

To celebrate its bicentennial this year, this beautiful state is offering a bicentennial heritage journey by wagon train and horseback. It's an 18-day, 420-kilometre (260-mile) trek through the heart of Vermont on back roads, old stage coach lines and historic trails.

Organizers say it's a low-cost event ideal for families, so come on buckaroos, tear off a hunk of chawin' tabaccy, tighten on that ten-gallon and mount up.

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If you're interested, you can register for the whole journey or a portion of it. One night fees are $40 U.S. per person, three nights $72, six nights $112, 13 nights $196 and for the whole 18 days only $204. Meals aren't included.

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British Airways, one of the most successful airlines in the world, is constantly offering attractive packages and for you lovers of the stage, their show tour package doesn't disappoint.

The London show tour program, which runs until Oct. 30, starts at $229 per person and includes six nights' hotel in central London, daily continental breakfast, two West End shows, airport transfers and dining and sightseeing discount vouchers.

Air fare from Toronto is extra (pity) and you have to book and pay (ooohh!) at least seven days before departure.

Call your travel agent or BA for details.

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From the hard-to-believe department: India is one of the world leaders when it comes to hosting conventions. Why? Who knows? If you do, please tell me.

But it wasn't the number that surprised me. It was the subject matter of one of their most recent conferences. Get a load of this. Last month, a group of some 600 doctors met for the first international conference on orgasms. Don't clean your glasses. You read it right. Orgasms.

They met, so the report goes, to compare findings, and I quote: "From extensive worldwide research." And you think *you've* got a good job.

No word on what conclusions they came to, but CJN correspondent Sahib I. Spy said a number of doctors were seen leaving the meeting rooms with big smiles and smoking cigarettes.

Quaint Bacharach known for well-preserved castles

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BACHARACH —

Tucked into a wooded defile in the verdant Loreley Valley, Bacharach is a quaint town hemmed in by terraced vineyards spilling down from the adjacent hills.

The vineyards in and around Bacharach have produced fine wines since Roman times, and they stretch far into the distance, beyond the horizon.

Blessed by a sunny, dry climate, Bacharach and environs are ideally suited for the cultivation of wine grapes.

But Bacharach, which is south of Koblenz, is not only renowned for its wine trade.

Exuding bucolic charm, Bacharach is known for its half-timbered dwellings and its well-preserved fortifications.

Stahlbeck castle is easily the most impressive man-made sight here.

Looming over Bacharach like an eerie sentinel, Stahlbeck is a medieval structure whose origins have been obscured by the passage of centuries. It is a youth hostel today, one of the most picturesque in Europe. It was converted into a hostel in 1925.

The view of Bacharach and the winding Rhine River from Stahlbeck's terrace is simply magnificent. I stood there on a warm summer day, transfixed by the manicured greenery spread out below me.

Back down in Bacharach, I paused to admire the Alte Haus in Market Square. It is probably the most famous half-timbered building in the Rhineland.

Another old building worth examining close up is the Posthof, which was once the seat of the Templar Knights.

The 14th century fortifications that encircle the oldest part of Bacharach can be traversed by foot. These weathered battlements give Bacharach an appearance of timelessness that North American towns sadly lack.

Hard by the fortifications are camping grounds filled with gaily colored tents and docks for boat excursions on the Rhine.

Jews settled in Bacharach in the 11th century. During the anti-Jewish tumult associated with the Second Crusade, several Jewish families took refuge in Stahlbeck castle.

Blood libels devastated the Jewish community in the late 13th century and during the Black Death persecutions of 1348-1349. Heinrich Heine's incomplete epic, *The Rabbi From Bacharach*, was based on one of the anti-Semitic convulsions that regularly rocked this town in the Middle Ages.

The community was reestablished in the early 14th century and apparently thrived. On the eve of Hitler's accession to power, Bacharach was home to some 200 Jews. As the tempo of Nazi persecution increased, the Jews emigrated. Some, however, stayed behind. The last remaining Jews were deported on July 26, 1942.

After the Second World War, Jews did not return. Yet Bacharach is indelibly etched into the consciousness of those Jewish families which adopted Bacharach as a surname.

Probably the most famous Bacharach is Burt Bacharach, the American composer whose songs (*Do You Know The Way To San Jose* and *What The World Needs Now*) were on the hit parade in the 1960s and 1970s.

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Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

"Our whole family is a bunch of *meshuggenes* about the theatre," Toronto actress and drama coach **Geri Gans** was telling me last seek. "And currently we're all up to our ears in greasepaint.

Frank Rasky

She herself is now playing the role of Fraulein Schneider in *Cabaret*, running until May 11 at Scarborough Music Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd. (396-4049). Her husband, **Ben Gans** — who originally met her when both were studying at **Lorne Greene's** Toronto Academy of Radio Arts — is playing the Brooklyn gangster Moonface Martin, billed as Public Enemy Number 13, in the **Cole Porter** musical, *Anything Goes;* it's running until May 18 at Fairview Library Theatre, 35 Fairview Mall Drive (431-7170).

Their 32-year-old daughter, **Judy**, is also in that 1935 musical, playing a gun moll. And beginning on May 24, their 30-year-old daughter, **Debi,** will join Judy as alumnae attending a class reunion in another musical at Fairview Library Theatre titled *Is There Life After High School?*

I salute director **Neil Munro** for deciding to use non-traditional casting in the Theatre Plus Toronto modern-dress, multi-media production of *Hamlet*, opening May 10 at St. Lawrence Centre (366-7723). **Ephraim Hylton,** a 26-year-old black Jamaican of Jewish descent, who adheres to Judaism's Saturday Sabbath and Jewish holidays such as Passover, portrays Hamlet's best friend Horatio in the updated version of Shakespeare's tragedy.

Israeli and Eastern European influences can be identified in the 26 acrylic paintings displayed by North York artist **Eileen Corynen Nussbaum** in her flamboyant exhibition titled *Life's Still A Ball* opening May 9 at **Maurice Amar's** Laurier Art Gallery, 5118 Dundas St. W. (232-0217). Prices range from $650 to $1,000.

Let's hear the applause for **Louise Garfield,** a Jewish performer with The Clichettes Trio, serving as this year's co-ordinator of the Mayworks Festival of Working People and the Arts. I especially recommend two highlights of the more than 50 events:

Vancouver filmmaker **Sara Diamond** is presenting *The Lull Before The Storm*, a documentary about women in the B.C. logging industry, May 2 at the National Film Board, 150 John St. (973-0895). And be sure to catch the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's production of the Yiddish folk operetta, *Oifn Fidl*, May 5 at Rosedale Heights Secondary School, 711 Bloor St. E. (489-7681).

Toronto lawyer **Morley Torgov,** author of the hilarious novel about the legal wheeling and dealing on Bay Street, *St. Farb's Day*, is one of five nominees on the short list of finalists for the 1992 Stephen Leacock Humor Award. I'm rooting for him to walk off with the $3,500 cash prize when the winner is announced on May 6.

Mia Kirshner, the 16-year-old actress daughter of CJN writer **Sheldon Kirshner,** has returned from a film shoot in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where she starred in an episode of the CBS TV series, *Sweating Bullets*. She has recently appeared in Canada's *ENG* TV series. And the hard-working girl will spend her summer vacation from Forest Hill High shooting more episodes of *Dracula: The Series*, for cable TV in the United States.

If you're a dance fan, be sure to see *Vapours*, an elegant work exploring the game of love, choreographed by **Lawrence Gradus,** the brilliant Jewish dance-maker from Ottawa. It's one of the exciting pieces being staged by the **Danny Grossman Dance Company,** May 1 to 4 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre (973-4000).

Quote of the week: Israeli violinist **Pinchas Zukerman,** who'll be conducting Ottawa's National Arts Orchestra in an excellent Mozart and Beethoven program May 8, 9 and 10 at Roy Thomson Hall, agrees with Canadian folk singer **Buffy Sainte-Marie:**

"Music has been my playmate, my lover, and my crying towel."

Jamaica-born actor Ephraim Hylton

Gays and lesbians express their need to maintain ties with community

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Twice Blessed - On being Lesbian or Gay and Jewish, Edited by Christie Balka & Andy Rose, Oxford University Press $20.95 (paperback)

Gays and lesbians make up about 10 per cent of the adult population. They seek basic civil and human rights on the same basis as others, and also understanding, acceptance and inclusion into all aspects of community life.

This book is a landmark collection of 25 brief essays concerned with lesbian and gay Jews who are eager to establish and maintain ties with their religion, tradition and community.

Included are accounts of growing up and "coming out" in conventional Jewish families; re-interpreting antagonistic Biblical passages in a more enlightened and modern manner; the reflections of two female rabbis, one a non-homosexual serving a homosexual congregation, the other a lesbian who has found it necessary to keep her true nature secret; a mother coming to terms with her son's gay identity; a portrait of lesbian parenting, and how liturgy and ceremonies have been changed to meet the needs of a growing community.

A rabbi's wife in California writes movingly about coming to terms with her son's homosexuality. "Those who reject the person rather than accept the reality, or who chase fantasies rather than learning facts, deserve our compassion and understanding.

"Parents need to be helped to mend broken dreams, to keep communication open, and to prevent love and parental devotions from being overwhelmed by pain and confusion . . . When strangers ask me today if our son is married, I do not hesitate to explain, 'He is not. He is gay.' We are out of the closet. It has been a long road, but well worth it."

Often, the synagogue becomes a place of reconciliation where siblings, parents and former spouses meet with the once ostracized homosexual. In cases where alienation is permanent the congregation serves as a "substitute mishpacha."

In turning aside the Biblical condemnation of homosexuality, a lesbian rabbi writes, "The Judaism I cherish and affirm teaches love of humanity, respect for the spark of divinity in every person, and the human right to live with dignity. The God I worship endorses loving, responsible, and committed human relationships, regardless of the sex of the persons involved . . . reverence for tradition is no virtue when it promotes injustice and human suffering."

Throughout the world a number of diverse groups have formed the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. Four homosexual congregations are now members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a host of fellowships and havurot have been organized.

A leader of the Congress made clear that not long ago gay and lesbian Jews refrained from active participation in the Jewish community, largely because of the discomfort of concealing identity or the possiblity of outright rejection. Many ignored or denied their Jewish identity. Now, there are increased opportunities for service, pride and personal growth.

Creative ceremonies have been fashioned to meet homosexual needs. In a wedding ceremony for gays and lesbians the traditional wording, "You are consecrated unto me according to the Laws of Moses and Israel" is altered to, "Before God and humanity, in the spirit of our people Israel."

This wording is a statement of commitment by the two partners and the conscious linking of their relationship and the home they establish with the historical covenant of the Jewish people.

A special feature of the work is a helpful annotated bibliography, an appendix concerned with how instruction can be given about homosexuality and a list of homosexual groups, institutions and resources.

This ground-breaking book can serve as a source of information and healing and an effective weapon in countering the wide-spread prejudice that keeps us divided within ourselves and from each other.

An Invitation to CJN Readers

Time is running out for you to be part of a great event — The CJN's June Party Planner.

We want your help by May 9 in writing one of the stories. Simply tell us your favorite party story that we can share with other readers.

Last October, we told you our reminiscences of bygone simchas. These memories celebrated life and living; they ranged from humorous to moving and everything in between. Recalling them can prompt tears of joy or a Cheshire grin.

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Arts

Photographs of Children, 150 Years highlighted at the Koffler Gallery

Gallery Gatherings

Compiled by MIRIAM CHINSKY

Annex Art Centre: New works, mixed media on paper and relief sculptures, by David Lloyd McEachern. To May 26. At 994 Bathurst St. Unit 2-B (entrance on Olive Ave.) 516-0110.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: Group show through May, includes Carl Beam, Steve Aykroyd, Arnold Zageris, Frank Timental. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Hamilton: *Practising Beauty*, an inquiry into the late 20th century interpretation of a conventional art subject - the body. Until June 23. *Annual Student Curated Exhibition*, May 9-31. *Acquisitions*, a portion of artworks selected from those acquired by the gallery in 1990. May 16-July 21. At 123 King St. W. in Hamilton. (416)527-4610.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Sananguaq - The Swinton Collection of Inuit Art*. Continues to May 26. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Baux-Xi: Brian Kipping, recent paintings and monoprints. To May 12. David Mayrs, recent paintings, May 14-June 2. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Circle Gallery: *Synthesized Visions*, a one person show by Yvaral (son and disciple of Vasarely). Opens May 7 and continues through the month. 19 Hazelton Ave. 961-5806.

Collected Works: *Spring Gathering*, glass, clay, fibre and wood selections by 10 gallery artists. Until May 18. At 1579 Bayview Ave. 485-3839.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: Drawings by Sheila Butler; May 2-22. *Art Chicago 1991*, May 9-12. *Human Forms*, drawings and sculpture, including works by Appel, Etrog, Moore, Paladino, Zadkin. May 25-June 20. At 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Extension: ...*In Red*, May 18-June 1, a preview of print works by artists contributing to the June 1 silent auction (proceeds for the gallery which has an affiliation with the Ontario College of Art). At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

Galerie Beaux Arts: *The Passing Parade*, recent abstract paintings by Grant Hillman. May 11-June 8. At 2064 Avenue Rd. 322-0995.

Gallery Moos: Group show. Through May. 136 Yorkville Ave. 922-0627.

Gallery One: Brian Burnett, recent paintings. To May 15. Stanley Boxer, new paintings. May 16-June 13. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3106.

Gallery Phillip: *From the Gardens*, vibrant watercolor impressions of Canadian and European gardens visited by Vancouver-born Brent Heighton. May 9-June 5. At 939 Lawrence Ave. E. (Don Mills Centre) 447-1301.

Gallery Sheila Roth: Original Canadian prints and works on paper. Also Inuit carvings from Baffin Island and Northern Quebec. 276 Avenue Rd. 920-0112.

Garnet Press Gallery: Chrysanne Stathacos, *Potted Passions*. May 11 - June 1. Catherine Carmichael, outdoor sculpture, May 11 through the summer. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Glendon Gallery: *Vibrations*, *Waves*, *Ripples*, a solo sculpture exhibition by Ted Bieler. May 2-31. Glendon College, 2275 Bayview Ave. 487-6721.

Harbourfront: *Passages of the Image*, a major international exhibition devoted to contemporary media arts including photography, film and video as well as computer-synthesized images, video disc and high definition television. May 10-June 16. The Power Plant, Queen's Quay West. 973-4949.

Idee Gallery: *Journeys and Disguise*, new photographic work by Debora Doffing. To May 16. *3 Artists*, Joe Fleming, Helen D'Souza, Tim Zeltner. May 17-June 7. At 883 Queen St. W. 362-3380.

The Innuit Gallery: Sculpture by Jaco Ishulutaq from Pangnirtung. To May 18. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

The Isaacs Gallery: Michael Snow, 75 new paintings. May 4-24. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Michael Spano, photography, Gallery I. Joan Birchwood, photography, Gallery II. Both through May 18. George Zimbel, photography, Gallery I. Martha Henrickson, photography, Gallery II. Both May 22 through June 22. At 179 John St. 979-1989.

John B. Aird Gallery: *International Waters*, a combined exhibition by the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Color, The Royal Watercolour Society of Great Britain and The American Watercolor Society. May 4 through June 1. The Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, 77 Wellesley St. W. 928-6772.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *Fifty Two Trees*, watercolors by Doug Guildford, continues to May 12. *39th Aviva Art Exhibition and Auction*, previews May 17-26. On Sunday, May 26, the auction will be held in the Lower Gallery. 901 Lawrence Ave. W. in Columbus Centre. 789-7011, ext. 300.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto*, world renowned photographs taken by a German soldier (exhibition is sponored by The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service). May 16-June 13. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Kinsman Robinson Galleries: *Copper Thunderbird: The Legend*, one-man exhibition of new paintings by Norval Morrisseau. May 4-31. At 112 Scollard St. 964-2374.

Koffler Gallery: *Photographs of Children, 150 Years*. Thematically inspired by Edward Steichen's exhibition and book, The Family of Man. Main Gallery. Carol Marino, photographic work, Loggia Gallery. Both premiere May 1 and continue to June 16. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Rene Derouin, wood panel installation and wood block prints. May 11-June 1. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 406. Phone 365-9515.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Redefined: The Quilt as Art*. To June 16. *The First Passionate Collector: The Ian Lindsay Collection of Inuit Art*. Until June 30. *A Sketching Trip*, Arthur Lismer's drawings which caricatured the artist's 1927 trip to Lake Superior with Lawren Harris. To June 30. Islington Ave. Kleinburg. 893-1121.

Mega Fine Arts: *The Circle is a Road*, Howard Fox. Mainly large oils based on travels in the Far East and Europe. May 2-26. At 7 Sultan St. (across from the former Windsor Arms Hotel). 922-9663.

Mira Godard Gallery: Takao Tanabe, new paintings. To May 15. David Shapiro, works on paper, recent editions. May 4-22. Lawren Harris, *Early Abstractions*, May 18-June 6. At 22 Hazelton Ave. 964-8197.

Picture Only Us: A newly opened gallery. Included are Toronto scenes (Kensington Market, etc.) in watercolor, by John Stuart Price. May 23-30. At 1592 Bayview Ave. (opposite the Bayview Playhouse). 483-8246.

Quan. Schieder Gallery: Group show. Gallery Artists. Through May. At 89 Scollard St. 968-7822.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *Jim Davies: New Directions in Landscape*. To May 14. *Landscape Into Art*, T. Mower Martin and E. May Martin. Until May 19. *Real Women: Five Priests*, Peter Wilde. To May 19. *Scene In The Ward: Ward 8 The Thomas Bouckley Collection*. Until June 9. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416)576-3000.

Royal Ontario Museum: *Baboons of Kenya: The Pumphouse Gang*, photography. To July 31. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: New works in glass by Jose Chardieta and Richard Ritter. May 23-June 30. Exchange Tower 2, First Canadian Place, Adelaide and York. 362-4480.

291 Gallery: Two-Person Show of paintings by David Magee, *Drawing Water/Notations* and sculpture by Tony Stapells, *Waterscapes*. May 4-22. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 302. 364-6541.

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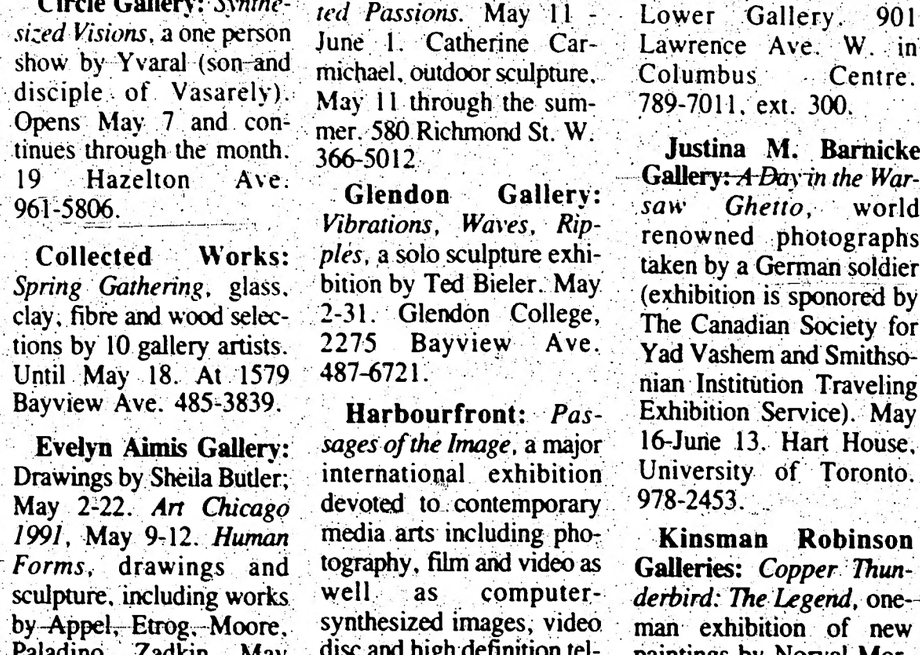

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TORONTO – CBC Radio's Sunday Morning (740 on A.M. band) will have a special feature on May 5 to mark the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir's 65th anniversary concert to be held the same day.

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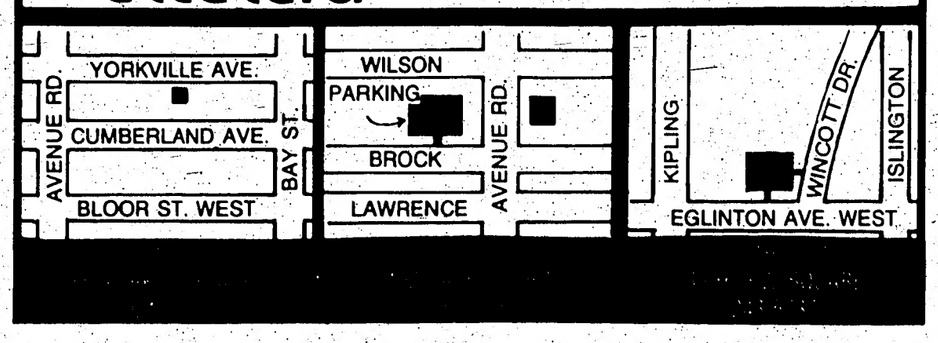

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Odd Couple still a crowd-pleaser but its wit palls

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By
FRANK RASKY

Yes, yes, I know that Neil Simon is once again a hot playwright. After all, the 63-year-old Jewish yockmeister won the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for his 27th comedy, *Lost In Yonkers*, currently a big hit on Broadway.

Yes, yes, I also realize that Simon's second play, *The Odd Couple*, which he wrote 26 years ago, continues to be a crowd-pleaser in its present run until May 12 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst (630-6752).

Yes, yes, I further am aware that this farce, about a slob named Oscar and his tidy room mate named Felix, has been a laugh-riot wherever it has played. It wowed them in Communist Poland. And it achieved a record-breaking run when performed by an all-black company at the Los Angeles Ebony Showcase.

Yes, yes, I must confess that I laughed myself at two of the slickly-crafted, foolproof gags aimed at the wimpy Felix. "Felix is so careful that he wears a seat belt to a drive-in movie theatre," runs one joke. "He's so fastidious," runs another jest, "that the only thing he'll drink on New Year's Eve is Pepto-Bismal."

So, with all this positive yesmanship about its admittedly clever quips, why is it that I have some no-no qualms about giving my full blessings to *The Odd Couple*?

There are two reasons.

One is that the characters, under the heavy-handed direction of Reva Stern, seem more like one-dimensional cartoons than credible people. Instead of acting with feeling, they tend to be reading their machine-tooled lines mechanically.

The worst offender is Gerry Salsberg as the sloppy Oscar. He was a marvellously inventive comic five years ago as the horny fishmonger in Neil Simon's *Last Of The Red-hot Lovers*. But since then, he has become an increasingly coarse vulgarian in his comedy roles.

Here he is an obnoxious boor. His idea of humorous shtik in the first scene is to squirt soda pop at his friends who gather weekly in his slovenly hutch to play poker. I almost expected him to drop his pants to get cheap laughs.

Nicholas Rice, the bald Jewish farceur, is less obvious and more sympathetic as the overly neat Felix. The scene-stealer has expressive, Harpo Marx-like eyes and a certain subtlety and is endearing when crying out his anguish that his wife has left him.

But even Rice seems to lack emotion in the scene where the enraged Oscar throws Felix's carefully prepared pasta meal on the walls of the kitchen and yells: "Now, you keep your spaghetti off my poker table!" Rice fails to respond with sufficient passion when gloating like a condescending gourmet cook: "It's *not* spaghettii. It's linguini."

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I'm also unhappy with this commercial Simon-impure import for a second reason. It signifies that the Leah Posluns — our only Jewish community theatre in Toronto — appears to have lost its spirit of adventure, namely, its desire to take artistic risks.

Staging yet another sitcom off the Neil Simon assembly line is safe, facile, and above all, unchallenging to both actors and audience. Why do we keep importing cookie cutter comedy clones from the United States? Surely there are home-grown scripts out there waiting to be produced that reflect our own Jewish-Canadian society?

To take just two examples: I'd like to see a comedy about Jews in the Montreal and Toronto garment trade. And I'd be interested to watch a drama about Holocaust or Russian emigres who have sought refuge in our country.

The truth is that shopworn revivals of Simonized formula comedies are beginning to pall. Ed Mirvish deserves commendation for taking a gamble on Tomson Highway's play about a Canadian-Indian minority group for the Royal Alexandra Theatre, *Dry Lips Oughta Move To Kapuskasing* (which I'll review in a forthcoming issue).

Similarly, it's time for Posluns producer Reva Stern to risk staging a theatre work dealing with the lives of our Jewish minority group in Canada.

Libman producing Rare Day in June

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Some people put their nest egg into a trip around the world, or an addition to the house, but not Carol Libman. She's using it to produce her own play, *A Rare Day in June*, at the Alumnae Theatre, Berkeley St., May 15-26.

She and her husband, Sid, an actor, are putting up the money to rent the theatre and pay a professional cast, designers and director to stage this drama which is set on a beautiful June day in 1978, in the Laurentians near Montreal.

"I'm not getting any younger, my kids are grown up, and I've been accumulating some money and re-investing it and now I'm going to do it (produce the play)," said Carol.

The Libmans met in Montreal but lived in Sault St. Marie for seven years where Sid helped his late father, David, run Delib Frocks, a ladies wear store on Queen Street. Sid and Carol moved back to Montreal where they opened a small business renting vending machines.

"Sid finds producing a play a lot tougher than that kind of business," said Carol. "Thank goodness he can still laugh about it."

Two other Jews associated with the play are director Jordan Merkur and Janese Kane, a member of Medina Theatre, assistant to the director.

A Rare Day in June is about a French-Canadian writer worried that he's lost his touch. His wife is trying to revitalize his career. To their cottage, one June day, come their alienated young son, the son's young and ambitious professor, the writer's former student and mistress and a friend of the son. By the time 24 hours pass, each of these characters has come face to face with a crisis.

Carol said they were not eligible for any grants for the play because their company, Rare Day Projects, has no track records.

"Without telling you exactly how much it is costing to produce the play, I can tell you that we could go around the world on it, most comfortably," she said.

One of her previous plays, *Wintersong*, was produced by Medina Theatre at Fairview Theatre. Two of her one-act plays have also been done in Toronto.

Carol has no qualms about putting up the money or about the appeal of the play to an audience. "I'm not expecting any financial rewards from it, but it will bring the play to public notice, and once we've done it, I'll be able to get on with other projects."

Three Stratford and Shaw Festival actors in the cast are Dan MacDonald as the writer, Gabrielle Rose as his wife and Susan Stackhouse as his former mistress.

Carol and Sid have three children, Daniel Libman, of Alberta, an actor, writer and director, Ruth Lowy of Burlington and Connie Harvey of Pickering, and four grandchildren.

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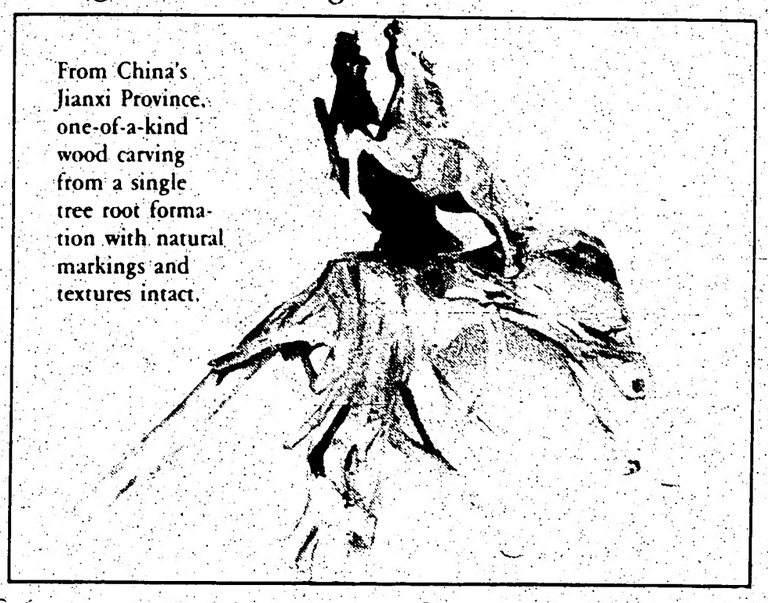

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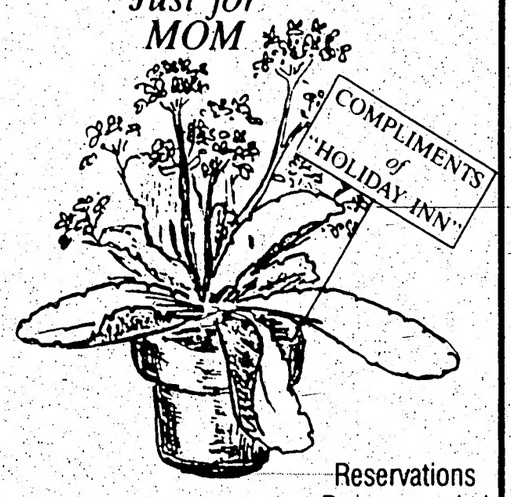

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Business Outlook

Let questions give information

Career Stakeout

By GARRY SEIDENFELD

"Do you have any questions?"

How many times have you been asked this question at a job interview? Whether or not you prepared yourself, you may be asking the wrong questions.

What are the wrong questions?

Too much interest in money or benefits makes it look as if you are working only for the money. While it is true that most of us would not voluntarily work for no pay, employers are looking for people who love their work and want job satisfaction.

Therefore, do not ask questions like, How much does this job pay?, How much vacation will I get? or What benefit plan does this company have?

Similarly, questions that show you have certain dislikes are inappropriate. Will I have to work for other people, too?, Do I have to dress up every day? Can I leave exactly at 5 p.m. every day? These are examples of the questions you should not ask.

So, what type of questions should you ask?

As with everything that happens in an interview, the questions you ask will make a difference in the impression you make. Most people make a mistake by asking questions regarding things about which they want to know more — How many people work here?, Do you have a lunch room? How long has this company been in business?

This may seem perfectly harmless, but remember in an interview you have a short period of time to prove that you are the right person for the job.

You should make a list of all of your qualities that are impressive. With that list in hand, you must think of ways of showing the interviewer that you possess as many of these qualities as possible.

One of the most subtle, creative and effective ways of displaying those qualities is by asking questions. So this is the secret: do not ask questions to *get* information about the position, but rather ask questions that *give* information about yourself.

Here are two examples, but prepare your own questions that are specific to you and the job for which you are applying.

• Two of the best qualities that employees should possess are being team workers and hard working. But how do you portray to the interviewer that you have those qualities by asking a question? Try, If I finish with my work early on occasion, can I ask my co-workers if they need help?

• A willingness to excel and advance can prove to be advantageous or disadvantageous. If you give the impression that you will not be satisfied with this position in the future, the employer may not want to invest in you.

One question not to ask is, When will I be eligible for promotion? To ask it might mean you are looking forward to working for someone else soon. Rather, impress the interviewer with the following: My goal is to be the best at what I do. Will you be able to give me more responsibility as I show that I can handle it?

Always remember questions are a good way of giving information. Do not use them as a way of getting information. You will have plenty of time to ask those type of questions after you get the job offer.

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Israel set to remove trade barriers

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli government has unveiled sweeping new plans to open domestic industry to the chill blast of foreign competition.

The plan to encourage imports, presumably putting Israeli producers to the test, was hailed by government officials as the most important economic program in the past decade.

But it sent shockwaves through the Histadrut, Israel's trade union federation, and the Industrialists Association, which rarely see eye to eye on most issues.

Both have voiced grave misgivings. They said the plan would make it difficult for them to reach agreements with the government on wage-and-price policies designed to boost employment and peg inflation.

A special ministerial committee acting with full Cabinet powers approved the plan, which provides for an initial, administrative step on Sept. 1.

On that date, much of the bureaucratic red tape binding imports will be removed. The procedure for obtaining import licences from the government will be dramatically simplified.

The more fundamental economic dimension of the plan will unfold gradually in five to seven years.

During that period, customs duties on imports will be reduced steadily to the point where no imported commodity will bear a duty higher than 12 per cent.

Government officials said that almost all of Israeli industry will be exposed to free foreign competition by the end of five years. The exceptions are the textile and timber industries, which require longer protection. Their tariff barriers will come down only after seven years.

The officials conceded that the plan contains some bitter medicine. Certain industrial enterprises will be hard hit, causing increased unemployment and dislocation in some instances.

But officials contend the overall plan will promote efficiency and increase the productivity of Israeli industry as a whole, putting it on a competitive basis at home and abroad.

The long-term result will be to boost employment opportunities for immigrants and others in existing and new industrial concerns, they said.

However, the chairman of the Industrialists Association, Dov Lautman, said the program fails to grapple with "the one really basic challenge facing the country: the need to absorb the olim and provide them with employment."

He accused the government of tackling the economy in piecemeal style without an overall philosophy. Lautman has recently called for a steep devaluation of the currency, coupled with a tough policy on wages and prices.

Government officials said certain companies judged efficient and worthy in other ways would receive government grants to help them face the challenges of free trade.

The new plan harmonizes with Israel's desire to integrate as closely as possible with the European Community.

Previous agreements between Israel and the EC provided for gradual tariff reductions. These now will be extended to other parts of the world.

Lautman complained, however, that the plan does not insist on reciprocity in Israel's relations with its foreign trading partners.

He said it does not stipulate a political concession from countries that trade with Israel but deny it full diplomatic recognition. He also said the plan envisages a process of tariff reductions that is dangerously rapid.

Treasury officials said they expect pressure from industrial lobbies to block or scale down parts of the plan. They predicted, however, that the government would stand firm, since the decision is one of basic principle and has broad Cabinet support.

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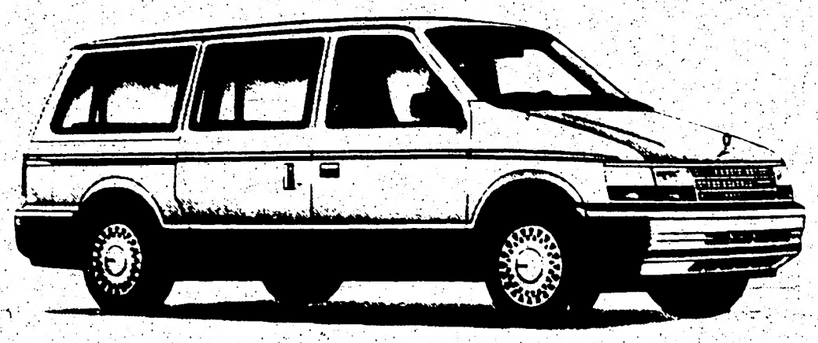
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Kathleen Costello, has been appointed for a 12-month period, "to formulate and implement an action plan designed to increase women's participation in the start-up of new businesses and to improve their chances for business survival and growth."

Costello said trends across North America show that businesses started by women have a higher survival rate than those started by men. But, she added, statistics show that women have a harder time getting into business in the first place.

Costello said "I am looking forward to my role as an agent of change."

Carol Gran, minister responsible for women's services, said she is pleased the B.C. government "is committed to asking women in our province for their input and assistance in ensuring that programs and services are sensitive to the particular needs of women in business."

Israeli inflation rate double previous month

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The cost of living in Israel rose by 1.2 per cent in March, figures released recently by the Central Bureau of Statistics show.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said the rise was "satisfactory but no bargain."

Industrial circles said it indicated a slowdown in the inflation rate. They said the economic establishment should now concentrate on reducing unemployment and creating jobs for new immigrants.

The March rise was well over February's .6-per-cent increase and just a shade below the 1.3-per-cent hike in January. The price index now stands at 180.2 measured against the 1987 baseline of 100.

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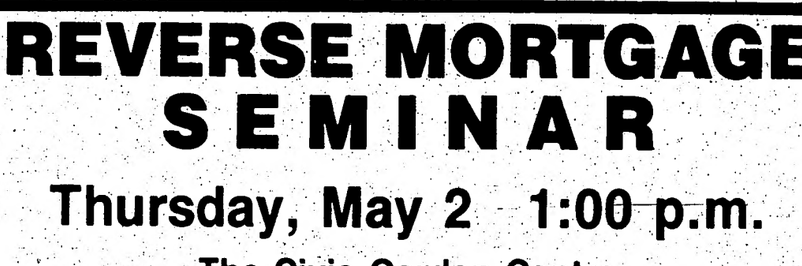
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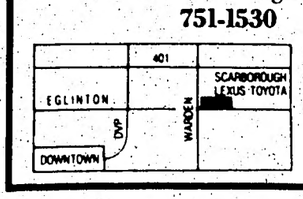

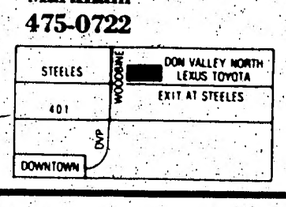

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1 Houses For Sale

Forest Hill

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STUNNING STONE MANSION
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CLASSY ELEGANCE — LOWER VILLAGE
Totally renovated 6 bedrooms, 5 baths, 60' lot. Den and family room, beautifully landscaped, pool. David Wagman 488-2875.

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Totally rebuilt. Stunning 4 bedrooms. Marble 6 piece ensuite. 200' lot. Eleanor Wagman 488-2875.

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Magnificent 80 x 300 ft lot in prestigious Bayview area. Bev List/Sharron Bender 886-1988.

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Cedarvale! 4+ bedrooms, main floor family room, huge eat-in kitchen, nanny's suite + recreation room. ++ Judy Henbler 488-2875.

WOODLAWN WEST — PRIME LOCATION!
Wonderful 4+ bedrooms, huge family room + walkout to garden, eat-in kitchen, sunny south garden. Judy Hendler 488-2875.

BATHURST & LAWRENCE-GLENCAIRN
4 bdrm., 2 stry. mn. fl. fam. & powder, fin. bsmnt., vendor bought! Priced to sell, Info. P. Grossman 226-1987.

BARGAIN HUNTERS WHERE ARE YOU?
Power of sale, Lonsmount/Bathurst - $529K complete reno. w/poss. office in bsmnt. L. Grammer 226-1987.

1ST AD CEDARVALE — NEEDS RENO.
4 bedrooms + den, south lot separate side entrance for office or in-laws, large room sizes. Bonnie Singer.

STEELES/HILDA YONGE
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$599K Stunning 4,000' luxury home! Dream greenhouse kit, 4 baths, family room + + + Library. Liz Gordon* 256-1388.

RIDLEY BLVD. "ARMOUR HEIGHTS"
$559K Impressive 2 storey 4 br centre hall with mn flr pdr rm. Lg lot + deck. N. Walman/Liz Gordon* 256-1388.

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BATHURST MANOR — A RARE FIND!
3 bdrm. bung., fin. bsmnt., 52' lot, $239,900. Jerry Potok, 731-7111.

BATHURST VILLAGE — HUGE SEMI
3 bdrm. + bsmnt. apt., hdwd. flrs., central air. Lucy Melamud, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — TOWNHOUSE GEM
Immaculate 3 bdrm., firepl., $220,000. Steve Fisher, 731-7111.

BATHURST-STEELES — GREAT BEGINNINGS!
3 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., appls., $218,000. Terry Balaban, 731-7111.

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11 Accommodation Wanted

Young responsible Jewish fellow, non-smoker, seeks unfurnished basement apartment, plus parking. Will cut grass, assist with shopping in exchange for reduced rent. 440-1930. 4737

12 Shared Accommodation

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Yonge/Eglinton - Female to share 2 bedroom with same. Roehampton Ave. Totally furnished. Laundry. Pool. Sauna. $450. 480-2721. 4684

13 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Glencairn - 1 bedroom basement. Parking. Laundry. $495. 256-7986. 4703

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6 Condominiums For Sale

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7 Condominiums For Rent

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10 Accommodation Available

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Bathurst/Centre - Ensuite in luxury home. Available immediately. Close to all amenities. Non-smoker. Call evenings and weekends, 882-4359, days 630-5024 Sarah. 4724

11 Accommodation Wanted

Couple, non-smokers, require 1 or 2 bedroom furnished condo. Bathurst/ Yonge/ Finch/ Centre. June 1-October 1. References. 889-0491. 4727

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Abe Sternberg** will take place on Sunday, May 5th, 1991, 10:00am at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Stashiver Section. The family of Mollie Sternberg wished to thank all of our friends and relatives for their support and contributions to worthy and charitable causes.

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